

PC2 is a group of both individuals & organizations of parents, guardians, & professionals interested in the well-being of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Opportunities to gain information, education, & networking are available through our newsletter, website ([www.pc2online.org](http://www.pc2online.org)), topical meetings / Legislative Forum, & Resource Guide.

PC2 also provides education on the legislative process regarding policies & funding, which allows families & individuals choice, control, & flexibility.

We conduct educational meetings on a variety of topics, from birth-to-three education, housing/ residential issues, transition from high school to adult services, employment, legal overviews, & more!

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## **L.I.N.K.S. Program**

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# PC2 L.I.N.K.S. Program

The PC2 L.I.N.K.S. Program links individuals with needed knowledge & support; We are open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You are welcome to visit anytime for information, resources, brochures, or help with Internet searches.

The PC2 L.I.N.K.S. Program:

- provides one-on-one referral assistance to parents, educators, and other professionals;
- keeps up-to-date with Pierce County service providers to better understand available resources & to ensure that our referral service is accurate;
- sits at the table with Pierce County teachers and professionals at a variety of committee and collaborative efforts;
- provides information at resource and vendor fairs throughout the county.

We also:

- provide a newsletter with relevant articles and news;
- maintain a website with online, 24-hour access to pertinent information and resources;
- create and distribute a comprehensive Resource Guide for Pierce County.

*"I had just lost my husband & was told I needed to get guardianship right away. Thanks to your workshop, I know that guardianship is not mandatory & I can take my time in making choices about what's best for us. You eased my stress!" ~ parent comment on PC2's Legal Series*

## Why Should You Use People First Language?

People who have disabilities are present in every aspect of society. They are:

- moms and dads, sons and daughters;
- employees and employers;
- scientists;
- friends and neighbors;
- movie stars;
- students and teachers.

Most importantly, they are **people first**.

Many labels used for disabilities in our society have negative connotations or are misleading. Using labels contributes to negative stereotypes. All of these words devalue the person they attempt to describe. <http://www.wvddc.org/People%20First.pdf>

## Make the Change to People First Language!

- "handicapped" or "disabled" should be replaced with "people with disabilities"
- "the handicapped" or "the disabled" should be replaced with "people who have disabilities"
- "he is wheelchair bound" or "he is confined to a wheelchair" should be replaced with "he uses a wheelchair"
- "he has a birth defect" should be replaced with "he has a congenital disability"
- "handicapped" in reference to parking, bathrooms, rooms, etc., should be replaced with "accessible"
- "he is retarded or MR" should be replaced with "he has a cognitive (intellectual) disability or mental retardation"

<http://www.wvddc.org/people-first.html>