

Elder & Adult Day Services Merges with Easterseals Washington to Provide Services to More Individuals and Families

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 20, 2016 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Easterseals Washington, a Washington state nonprofit serving adults and children with disabilities, announced today that it is expanding – three new adult day service centers are being added to Easterseals Washington’s program offerings.



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Adult day programs allow seniors who are experiencing disabilities due to aging to remain safe and active in their communities. They contribute to the development of skills and relationships for adults with developmental disabilities, and they bring peace of mind and respite time to family caregivers. Adults with disabilities and their families need options, and that is just what this program expansion provides.

Elder and Adult Day Services (EADS) has now joined forces with Easterseals Washington (ESW), whose purpose is to change the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people’s lives every day. Effective October 17, 2016, EADS has merged completely into ESW, allowing its three adult day health and recreation centers to continue as an official part of the Easterseals Washington organization. The programs in

Bellevue, Des Moines and Bremerton provide a state-certified environment that assures regular health care, stimulating activities and a supportive community.

More than a year ago, EADS began evaluating the opportunity to collaborate – and possibly merge – with Easterseals Washington to create a larger and stronger organization that could be even more responsive to the needs of adults and seniors with disabilities, their families and the community. The services provided by the two organizations complement each other well in that EADS brings established programs with local community connections to ESW's almost 70 year history of sound fiscal performance, business acumen and statewide reach.

EADS has been a pillar in the community for 30 years, and the number of people needing services will continue to grow as our population ages. ESW is honored to sustain the programs and to enhance the experience of everyone involved by uniting day services with workforce development, camp and recreation, child development and autism services. It is an exciting time for ESW, as it is now able to serve the lifespan of people with disabilities and fill the service gaps that can exist for adults that no longer find employment and community access feasible.

"We have been managing the programs since April, and the fit is perfect," stated Cathy Bisailon, President and CEO. "I am thrilled to add these services to our menu, and to offer opportunities to the committed employees who care so deeply for the people they serve each day."

For more information about this expansion, please visit:
<http://www.easterseals.com/washington/our-programs/adult-services/EADS-Merger.html>.

About Easterseals Washington:

Easterseals Washington has been helping individuals with disabilities, and their families, live better lives for almost 70 years. Whether helping someone simply gain greater independence for everyday living or secure employment, Easterseals Washington offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals. Our purpose is to change the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day.

Easterseals Washington serves more than 4,100 adults and children with disabilities and their families annually through eleven offices and program sites. Find more information about how we are challenging America to recognize the new face of disability by redefining disability for the 21st century at <http://www.easterseals.com/washington/>.

(Formerly "Easter Seals Washington").