

Asotin County Community Services Employment Newsletter

Serving the Lewis-Clark Valley since 1973

All people living, working, learning and playing in a community that values diversity before labels and strengths before barriers.

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Did you know... September is Deaf Awareness Month!

First a day, then a week... Deaf Awareness Month began in 1958 when the World Federation of the Deaf celebrated the first International Day of the Deaf. This went on to be celebrated as the International Week of the Deaf (the last full week of September).

Now, the entire month of September is celebrated as Deaf Awareness Month to increase the public's awareness of deaf issues, culture, and people. To learn more or to learn sign language visit: www.nad.org/resources/american-sign-language



- ◆ **September 6: ACCS OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day** is a federal holiday and falls on the first Monday of September every year. The day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker.
- ◆ **Sept. 8: International Literacy Day** is meant to raise awareness for literacy problems urging communities to work together to raise educational standards. To help out on this day, consider cleaning some books and donating them to a school or library.
- ◆ **Sept. 11: Make Your Bed Day** Many successful people have shared this advice: If you want to set up your day for success, make your bed every morning. That way, you'll accomplish something right off the bat. Not only will it help you establish a morning routine, but a tidy bed can make your life feel a little less cluttered.
- ◆ **Sept. 21: International Day of Peace** is a worldwide holiday dedicated to strengthening peace among all people. This is a great day to learn about people who have won the *Nobel Peace Prize*, which is awarded to those



Mask Up! State of Washington Mask Mandate

Washington State Governor, Jay Inslee, recently announced that the existing statewide mask mandate will be expanded once again and will include vaccinated individuals in indoor settings.

ACCS staff, customers and visitors are required to wear masks while in the ACCS building, and when staff and customers are working in the community in both Idaho and Washington.



Interested in Financial Literacy Resources? Check out this non-profit! **Northwest Access Fund**

Mission: We offer people with disabilities customized loans, financial coaching, and other resources to promote access to assistive technology, independence, financial resilience, and life opportunities.

They also offer *free* one-on-one financial coaching to help you meet your financial goals. Their website offers a wealth of information. Click on their *COVID-19 Resources* tab to learn more about assistance offered. Their programs are open to all people with disabilities, including seniors, in Washington and Oregon of *all incomes, all ages, and all types of disabilities.* www.nwaccessfund.org

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