

Boyle v. Arnold Williams

A Class Action Lawsuit about DDD Waiver Services

Do you get “waiver” services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities? Do you have a family member or a friend who gets waiver services through DDD such as the Basic, Basic Plus, Core, or Community Protection?

If so, a lawsuit was recently settled that may positively affect your rights or the rights of your family member or friend. You probably received a notice in the mail about this lawsuit. On December 15, 2006, at 10:00 am, there will be a hearing at the United States District Court in Tacoma located at 1717 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402 so that the Judge in the case can decide whether to approve the proposed settlement. If you wish to attend the hearing you may, but it is not required. You also have the right to file comments or objections for or against the proposed settlement if you wish, but it is not required. To make written comments, you must file your comments or objections no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 27th, 2006 at the Clerk’s Office at the United States District Court in Tacoma located at 1717 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402. For instructions on how to file comments or objections, please contact the Clerk’s Office at (253) 882-3800.

For your convenience, more detailed information about the lawsuit has been enclosed. You are also invited to come to a meeting in your local area to hear about the lawsuit that affects the rights of people with developmentally disabilities receiving waiver services. Lawyers representing people on the waiver will talk about the lawsuit, discuss the proposed settlement of the lawsuit reached with DDD, and answer questions. The meetings will be at the following times and places:

- 1) **Tacoma:** November 6, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at TACID located at 6315 S 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466 – (253) 565-9000
- 2) **Kennewick:** November 7, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Columbia Legal Services located at 418-F North Kellogg, Kennewick, WA 99336 – (509) 374-9855
- 3) **Yakima:** November 8, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Larson Building located at 6 South Second Street, Room 318, Yakima WA 98901 – (509) 575-5593
- 4) **Spokane:** November 9, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Justice located at 35 W. Main Ave., #300, Spokane, WA 99201 – (509) 835-5211
- 5) **Everett:** November 10, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at the Everett Public Utility District Training Center located at 2320 California Street, Everett, WA 98201 – (425) 783-8204
- 6) **Olympia:** November 14, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. Columbia Legal Services located at 711 Capitol Way South, #304, Olympia, WA 98501 – (360) 943-6260
- 7) **Seattle:** November 15, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Washington Protection and Advocacy System located at 315 – 5th Avenue South, Ste. 850, Seattle, WA 98104 – (800) 562-2702

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jessica McDaneld by calling 1-800-562-2702 ext. 214 (if English-speaking) or 1-800-260-6260 x. 223 (if Spanish-speaking.); TTY: (800) 905-0209. For more information on the lawsuit, go to www.wpas-rights.org and click on “Proposed Settlement in Boyle v. Arnold-Williams.”