

Pierce Watch Party FAQ

What is a Watch Party?

Question: Can you tell me what a Watch Party is?

Answer: Absolutely! Like last year, Pierce and Kitsap County are partnering to offer a community-based event to go along with the virtual Community Summit Event.

During the Watch Party we will be streaming sessions from the [Community Summit](#) program so that you can still have an in-person conference experience. It's not just about watching the content though, we know you can do that anywhere. At the Watch Party you will have the opportunity to get to know and network with other people committed to equity and advocacy for people experiencing disabilities, as well as have access to specific content and a resource fair focused on local offerings.

The Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party is all about re-establishing that connection that we're all longing for.

Question: Is the Community Summit and Watch Party free for me to attend?

Answer: Yes! There is no cost to register for the Community Summit or Watch Party. If you still need to register, [click here](#).

Question: Who is the Pierce and Kitsap County Community Summit Watch Party intended for?

Answer: Anyone and everyone who is interested in learning more about building a thriving future for people experiencing disabilities. This includes self-advocates, families, service providers, employers, public officials, and anyone in between. We hope to see you there!

Question: If the Community Summit sessions are being streamed online, why should I attend the Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party?

Answer: The key word in Community Summit is 'Community'. The sessions may be offered online but the connection and relationship building with other people committed to equity and advocacy for people experiencing disabilities only happens at the Watch Party.

Attending the Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party not only gives you access to the information, but your community as well. Additionally, we will be offering networking engagements, student focused content, and a resource fair that will focus on local offerings that are not available online.

Watch Party Location and Parking

Question: Where is the Pierce and Kitsap County Community Summit Watch Party?

Answer: This year's Watch Party will be held at the University of Washington Tacoma campus. Event check in and a majority of the sessions will take place in the [Milgard Hall building](#).

University of Washington Tacoma Campus

[Milgard Hall](#)

[1950 S C St](#)

[Tacoma, WA 98402](#)

Question: Where can I park? And are there accessible parking spaces available?

Answer: There are a few options available for parking.

Primary Lot

[WA State History Museum Parking Lot](#)

[1911 Pacific Ave](#)

[Tacoma, WA 98402](#)

We will host parking spaces at the **Washington State History Museum Parking Lot**, including 15 accessible spaces, 5 in the upper lot and 10 in the lower lot. This is a relatively short route just across the street from the UW Tacoma campus. You can access a map of the accessible routes below.

[WA State History Museum Upper Lot to Milgard Hall Accessible Route](#)

[WA State History Museum Lower Lot to Milgard Hall Accessible Route](#)

[Link to lower level parking walk through](#)

Additional Spaces – There will be a very limited number of parking passes available to park on the UW Tacoma campus. These spots will be reserved for people who have accessibility needs that would make traveling from our primary lot a significant hardship. To inquire about on campus parking passes, please email heather@gowise.org

Off-Site Parking – Additional free parking is available at the [Tacoma Light Rail / Bus Station](#) and would enable you to take the light rail from the Tacoma Dome Station to the Union Station stop. Light rail trains depart every 10-15 minutes, and a full schedule can be found [here](#).

In addition, street and paid parking is available around the UW Tacoma campus. Attendees may also choose to pay for parking at any available lot.

Question: Is the Milgard Building an accessible building?

Answer: Yes! This location was chosen because it meets general accessibility needs. There is a ramp leading to the front entrance, elevators, and accessible restrooms available. For more information about accessibility on the UW Tacoma Campus, [click here](#).

If you have a specific accessibility need or concern, please reach out to heather@gowise.org and we would be happy to do our best to help ensure that you can enjoy the conference.

Question: Is there a spot where attendees can be dropped off near the event?

Answer: Yes. There is a spot right in front of [Milgard Hall](#) where the Watch Party will be. This location also has an ADA accessible ramp to the building entrance.

Event Registration

Question: How do I register for the Community Summit and Watch Party?

Answer: This year, if you register for the watch party, you will automatically be registered for the Community Summit as well.

If you are planning to attend the Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party at the University of Washington Tacoma campus, [please click here to register](#). This will ensure that you're able to get into the event and we have ordered lunch for you.

By using the link above to register, you will also have access to all the Community Summit materials, session recordings, and interactive features of the Community Summit app.

Question: I'm a teacher and registering students to attend the Watch Party. How do I register myself and my student group?

Answer: Please register all students for the Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party [at this link](#).

If you need support with registering students, please reach out to Heather@gowise.org.

Question: Will there be the option to register for the Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party on-site the day of the event?

Answer: Although there will be an option to register on site the day of the event, we encourage you to register before Friday May 22nd so that we have an accurate headcount for lunches, materials, and to make sure that there is a smooth flow to the check-in process.

Registration for the Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party can be found [here](#).

Session Information

Question: What time should I arrive so that I don't miss anything?

Answer: Great question! Check in and registration will open at 8:00am. Program Welcoming and Opening Keynote will start at 9:00am and the event will run until 4:00pm.

Question: Where can I find information about the sessions being offered at the Community Summit watch party?

Answer: You can find a schedule of all the Community Summit sessions [at this link](#). In addition, we will be offering a few additional engagements on-site. More information about these will be available soon.

Question: Will there be interpreters available during the sessions?

Answer: Yes! We have already arranged for ASL and Spanish interpreters. We are happy to schedule other interpreters as requested in your Pierce and Kitsap County Watch Party registration, which can be completed [at this link](#).

In addition to interpreters, all sessions will include live captioning.

Additional Questions

Question: Will lunch be provided?

Answer: Yes! We will be ordering lunches for everyone who has completed their [Watch Party registration](#) before Friday May 22nd. If you have specific dietary needs or requirements, please identify those when completing your registration.

Additional dining options can be found on and around the campus as well.
