

Washington State Highly Capable (HiCap) Professional Development (PD) Providers

NWGCA often receives inquiries regarding highly capable professional development. NWGCA does not contract with school districts or schools for professional development. Thus, we have compiled a list of professionals and organizations that have come to our attention. This list is not all inclusive. This list is not a recommendation. This list is provided as a resource to you. You will need to do your "due diligence" in vetting a professional that is the right fit for your educational community.

Washington Association of Educators of the Talented and Gifted (WAETAG)

Annual conference & webinars: www.WAETAG.com

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OSPI

Online Professional Learning: <http://www.k12.wa.us/HighlyCapable/HiCapPLUS/default.aspx>

Robinson Center for Young Scholars

Workshop information at <https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/programs/professional-development/> and/or e-mail rcys@uw.edu to request Dr. Hertzog or another distinguished faculty to lead a workshop.

Whitworth University

Institutes and courses: <https://www.whitworth.edu/cms/academics/graduate-studies-in-education/center-for-gifted-education/professional-development/>

Independent Professional Development (PD) Providers

Denise Anderson, MA Marriage and Family Therapy: DiscoverBetterOptions.com, deniselanderson@comcast.net. PD focusing on social/emotional, characteristics, perfectionism/anxiety.

Austina De Bonte, M.Eng, Smart is not Easy LLC, smartisnoteasy.com, austina@smartisnoteasy.com. PD/consulting for teachers/administrators on characteristics, identification, equity, program models.

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