

# FUTURES PLUS NEWS!

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## THANK YOU DR. MARY RING!

We would like to thank Dr. Mary Ring for her time and dedication to our program. She was instrumental in designing and ultimately launching Futures Plus and we are extremely grateful to her for her commitment to the young adults with special needs in Wiseburn and the Southwest SELPA. We wish Dr. Ring all the best as she moves onto her new position where she will continue to do wonderful things for kids!



## LEARNING VIA VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Teaching during a pandemic is no joke, but after a time of adjustment, the FUTURES Plus students were able to make the most of it. It is difficult not going out, so we took Zoom trips to several Zoos. Each student picked an animal that they wanted to see and were responsible for observing the behavior of the animal. The teacher assisted the students through conducting research online and the class collectively gathered information about the animal observed. It was a great learning opportunity and also gave students the sense of going to the zoo, while in the comfort of their own homes.



# FUTURES PLUS ADULT TRANSITION



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

FUTURES PLUS students will be taking virtual field trips to:

- Seattle Aquarium
- Yellow Stone National Park
- Atlanta Zoo



## STUDENTS AND ONLINE SAFETY

Since lockdown caused all instruction to be conducted online, it seemed apropos to do an "Online Safety" lesson. Students were enthusiastic to provide their thoughts on some assets of the internet and some of the dangerous elements online that are important to be aware of. These students are a vulnerable population and need to be aware of various presences online that they ought to stay away from.



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## LOVE FOR MUSIC

The FUTURES Plus students love music, so once a week we completed a Song of the Week Google Doc. The class watched a music video and identified elements in it, such as theme, genre, music instruments used, and the most important question: did they like the song? This was filled out and turned in to Google Classroom.



## OUR AMAZING SERVICE PROVIDERS!

When Futures Plus had to go "online" we were fortunate that our service providers were already well-versed in teaching students via distance learning. They jumped in ready to serve our young adults. Below our Occupational Therapist works on fine motor and bilateral coordination with one of our students.

