

ALL ABOUT ME

Name: Angie Witt

My favorite movie: Steel Magnolias

My favorite book: I like the light reads by Janet Evanovich. for heavier reads I like Jodi Picoult.

My favorite song: I like most music.

My favorite food: Anything I did not cook

My favorite TV program: "This is Us"

My pet/pets
We have a dog
named buddy
and cat named
tiger



Tell us about your family
member with a disability or
special health care need:

My daughter Haley was born
with a rare chromosome
abnormality 1Q 32-QTER. This
effects her growth, intellect, and
lots of medical issue. Haley has
overcame so much and we look
forward to her graduating from
High School this June.

Places I want to visit:

1. Mexico
2. Travel through the United States
3. Carribean



Things that make me laugh:

1. My kids everyday
2. My friends
3. Life is sometimes funny
4. Myself

Things I do with my family:

1. Watch sports together-Seahawks and Eagles
2. Play sports
3. Camping

Hobbies and Sports:

1. Yard Sales
2. Watching my kids play sports
3. Reading



Ways I take care of myself/deal with stress:

- 1.Exercise
- 2.Bunco group
- 3.Dinner with friends/family



How has Parent to Parent helped me to develop as a parent leader? *Through Support and educational trainings and meetings.*

1. My story of who I am, who is my family, what is our biggest challenge?

My name is Angie Witt and I am the mother of 4 children. Kayla who is 21 years old and in Nursing School, Haley who is 19 years old and has a Chromosome 1Q abnormality and a senior in high school, Bennett who is 13 and a 7th grader and Ian who is 8 and a 2nd grader. My family has been extremely blessed with a great support system within our family, church and Parent to Parent. I have met some incredible parents to share this journey on, my kids have made lifelong friendships with other siblings and Haley has so many friends everywhere she goes. Our biggest challenge is probably adapting to Haley's moods and tantrums. She can be so sweet but also so demanding that is sometimes hard on us all. I became the Parent to Parent Coordinator in 2001 until 2009 but always remained involved. I get the opportunity to be the Parent to Parent Coordinator again as of November 2017.

2. How has P2P helped me with participation, knowledge, relationships, experience and confidence?

When I first heard of the Support group I thought it was a bunch of parents sitting around crying, when I got the nerve to attend, I felt such a huge relief. We were not alone and we could laugh and cry and be safe in this group. They helped me through the early years of Birth to Three, signing up for Social Security, insurance, what all the jargon meant. I learned how to advocate for Haley and we all made great friends along the way. With all the educational training and events, support groups and activities I have learned so much about disabilities and the road it leads. Sometimes very curvy and scary and sometimes smooth and enjoyable.

3. How has this impacted my family and my community?

My whole family has learned empathy and to see people for who they are. I have seen my children befriend other kids who may have a difference because they could see that they were not all that different but liked the same things. My extended family has embraced Haley and the Parent to Parent family. Our community has been great supporters. I have found that if I just ask they are willing to accommodate our needs. People are really kind if we give them a chance and encourage them to ask questions. Haley knows so many people that go out of their way to say hi to her and to give her a helping hand. We have been so very blessed.