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The King County Elections Outreach Team joined the Alliance of People with disabilities at Shoreline's Paramount School Park for a BBQ honoring one of its peer groups. The peer group, also called the Transition Group, is comprised of students transitioning out of high school along with other young adults with and without disabilities.

The accessible voting units (AVUs) were displayed at the BBQ, and almost every person at the event, about 30-40 people total, cast a sample ballot. In addition, voter registrations and poll worker recruitment flyers were distributed. The positive response was overwhelming as parents watched their young adults use the machines and learn about the voting process.

During the event, a boy with cerebral palsy cast a practice ballot using the touch screen tablet. Although it was difficult to coordinate and select choices, using the touch screen was a huge accomplishment and made him very excited with the possibility of using the tablet to vote. The group was very positive about the equipment and thankful for its existence. As a result, a great partnership was formed between the DAVE team and the Alliance of People with disAbilities.

The Alliance of People with disAbilities, formerly the Washington State Coalition of Citizens with disAbilities, was started in 1977. The Alliance is an official United Way partner agency that promotes equality and choice for people with disAbilities. There are numerous programs that are run through the Alliance, including independent living skills training for people with disAbilities, community education about people with disAbilities, peer groups for young adults with and without disAbilities, and a legal team that provides legal information and assistance.

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