

WWVDN 10-Year Anniversary - 2024



December 2024 News

Columbia County P2P Celebrates Friendsgiving



Columbia County DDA families were able to celebrate Friendsgiving together on November 17th. The Eagles graciously hosted and made a huge dinner with turkey and all the fixings. [Read More](#)

A Note From Parent to Parent...

Hi readers,

The month of December is upon us and it brings with it a lot of different activities. We start the month off with a Special Education Ombudsman presentation on December 4th via zoom. We also can enjoy the Walla Walla Holiday Parade of Lights on December 7th and cheer on the SOAR float as it goes by. On December 10th Parent to Parent and SOAR will be hosting gingerbread house making and pizza dinner in Waitsburg for families in Waitsburg, Dayton, Dixie, Prescott and anyone else who wants to join in the fun. December 14th we will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa and reindeer games which will be fun for the whole family. Lastly, on New Year's Eve, Parent to Parent will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party with food and games. Parents can join their SOAR participants at the end of the night for the ball drop celebration. For any of these activities, please go to our Calendar of Events to register at www.vdn.org. It is important to register so we can ensure we have enough food and supplies.

December can also bring a lot of different emotions. Some people love this time of year and decorate early and are filled with excitement. Others experience sadness, anxiety and feel down. No matter how we approach this holiday season, I just want you to know that you are not alone. We have helping parents available to listen and support you during this season. Please reach out if you need assistance.

Our office will be closed from December 23 through January 3, but we will be available through email and phone periodically during this time.

Sincerely,

Angie and Ysabel

Parent to Parent Coordinator/Informing Families

SOAR's 3rd Annual Friendsgiving



"I'll be there for you." Friends. We have them, we are them and that is what we celebrate at Friendsgiving. This year we wanted to celebrate all the friendships that have been made through the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network; that is why we decided to partner with the Parent-to-Parent (P2P) program this year. [Read More](#)



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

Open for registration:

Tuesday, Dec 3 - Whitman Buddy Program (Buddy Ball)

Saturday, Dec 7 - Holiday Parade of Lights

Tuesday, Dec 10 - Gingerbread House Decorating Night

Saturday, Dec 14 - Breakfast With Santa

Monday, Dec 23 - Movie Night (Sonic The Hedgehog 3)

Tuesday, Dec 31 - New Year's Rockin' Eve

(Registration deadline is the Sunday before the event @ 6:00 PM)

[Visit the SOAR Events Page](#)

P2P Special Education Ombudsman

Wednesday, Dec 4 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm



**PARENT TO PARENT
PRESENTS:**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
OMBUDSMAN
ZOOM MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
6:00-7:30 PM**

**You will have a chance to ask questions or share about
your child's school experience.**



**WHAT
WE
PROVIDE**

- Provides Information
- Helps with communication
- Facilitate discussions
- Identify patterns
- Advocate for fair process
- Recommend options

**Registration at www.vdn.org
to receive zoom link
P2P will host zoom meeting
in our office as another
option
for questions, please call
Angie at 509-255-3727**



**A special education ombudsman is a neutral third party who provides
confidential support and assistance to parents, students, educators, and
advocates with special education needs. Their role is to help resolve
disagreements between parents and school districts in a quick and fair
manner.**

[More Info Here](#)

SOAR & P2P WAITSBURG Gingerbread House Decorating Night

Tuesday, Dec 10 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Disability
Network

WAITSBURG GINGERBREAD HOUSE Decorating



December 10th 2024
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm



Parent to Parent
Inform | Support | Connect

Join us for our first ever event in Waitsburg. We are inviting children, teens, and adults with disabilities AND their families to come for a free Gingerbread House Decorating event. Pizza and Hot Cocoa will be provided. The Walla Walla Valley Disability Network staff would love to meet families from Prescott, Dayton, Waitsburg, and Dixie so we connect and learn more about your needs!

RSVP at www.vdn.org



[More Info Here](#)

P2P & SOAR Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, Dec 14 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Come enjoy some pancakes & holiday festivities!

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



THERE WILL BE SOME FUN "REINDEER
GAMES" AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
WITH SANTA OF COURSE!

Please RSVP at:
WWVDN.ORG

UNDER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



[More Info Here](#)

P2P New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, Dec 31 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm



PARENT TO PARENT
INVITES YOU TO OUR:

2024 NYE *Party*

31 DEC, 2024

FROM 7:00-9:00 PM

1150 W. CHESTNUT ST.
WALLA WALLA
IN THE LIBRARY

FOOD, GAMES AND FUN FOR
ALL AGES
BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY RECIPES
TO SHARE

We will participate in the ball drop at 9:00 PM
with the soar participants

RSVP AT

REALLYGREATSITE.COM

WWWVNDN.ORG

RSVP at wwwvndn.org

[More Info Here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



[Sign Up Here](#)

Community News & Activities

Sensory-Inclusive Holiday Shorts

Sunday, Dec 8 at 4:00 pm



— Gesa —

POWER HOUSE THEATRE

Holiday Short Films

Little Watts

Join Gesa Power House Theater for a family-friendly afternoon of holiday shorts! Enjoy heartwarming stories, charming characters, and plenty of holiday cheer in a cozy atmosphere filled with laughter and joy.

In this screening, the auditorium lights will be dim, but not fully dark during the films. The volume of the films will be lower than a typical screening, and the audience is welcome to get up and move around during the show.

[More Info Here](#)

Blue Mountain Able Heroes

Every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm



Join us at the YMCA for some wheelchair basketball. We are free and open to people of all ages, with or without a physical disability. Sport wheelchairs will be provided.

[More Info Here](#)

Public Health Institute Study



The Public Health Institute (PHI) is doing a study to learn more about how people with intellectual and developmental disabilities feel about their health care and the doctors or nurses who help them. This information will be used to create a tool for doctors and nurse to check how inclusive and helpful their services and offices are for people with disabilities.

If you are a **person with an intellectual or developmental disability**: [Please take this survey](#).

If you are a **family member or caregiver or a person with an intellectual or developmental disability**: [Please take this survey](#).



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