

WWVDN 10-Year Anniversary - 2024



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June 2024 News

SOARing at the 48th Balloon Stampede





SOAR participants arose bright and early the morning of May 9 to take part in the annual Walla Walla Balloon Stampede.

A Note From Parent to Parent...

Hi all,

Summer is almost upon us! Things are starting to wind down in preparation for summer - hopefully each of you can find something fun and relaxing to do. We have plenty of fun activities during the summer such as "Put Your Best Foot Forward" theater workshop from Missoula Children's Theatre, Music Time in June & July, WWVDN's 10th Anniversary Party in July, Diverse Abilities Drama Camp and WWVDN Summer Camp in August and more, so check out the calendar. The Walla Walla Public Library has summer storytime and guests, Veteran's Memorial Pool is open and will have Adaptive Swim on Fridays, and the movie theater has their Summer Movie Clubhouse on Wednesdays at 10am for only \$1.75 per person.

Our staff will be working this summer to plan the next year's activities, and your input is important to us. Please let us know what you would like to see. We are also available to assist with paperwork, finding resources, or just be a listening ear. The coffee is always on.

Just remember you are not alone! We are here to help!

Angie and Ysabel, Your Parent to Parent & Informing Families Coordinators

Holly, WWVDN Intern



People say not to have expectations going into things, that way you will never be disappointed. I am not sure what I expected before starting to work with the disability network, but I did not think I would grow as much as I have. [Read more](#)

Parents Day Out June 1

YMCA PARENT'S DAY OUT SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST 3:00-5:30 PM



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**

Activities

- Action Zone
- Basketball
- Quiet zone for toddlers
- Swimming from 4-4:45 PM
- Dinner

Drop your children off with staff of the disability network and the YMCA and enjoy of couple hours of respite.

RSVP at
www.wvvdn.org
509-540-9880

RSVP for Parents Day Out

Peer Mentor Training June 2



The graphic features a large white circle on a yellow-to-orange gradient background. Inside the circle, the words "PEER MENTOR TRAINING" are written in a white, outlined, sans-serif font. To the left of the circle is a blue circle containing two white hands reaching towards each other. To the right is the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network logo, which consists of a stylized red and blue symbol next to the text "WALLA WALLA VALLEY Disability Network". Below the logo, the text "SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!" is written in a blue, outlined font. A QR code is positioned to the right of the logo, with a blue arrow pointing towards it. The background is decorated with colorful circles and a sunburst effect.

“With a Little Help From My Friends”

Our goal for this Peer Mentor Training is to teach general education students about individuals who have disabilities. Trained Peer Mentors are then invited to attend and assist participants in weekly social events or community recreational activities (basketball, baseball, summer camp, etc.).

This training counts for 3 Volunteer hours and you will receive a certificate of completion. Snacks will be provided.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

1150 W. CHESTNUT ST.



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

June events open for registration:

Monday, June 3 - Team Building Games & Picnic Dinner

Monday, June 10 - House Tour & Vision Boards

[**Visit the SOAR Events Page**](#)

Check your inbox for a reminder email with dates, times, and locations after you register.

Helping Parent Training June 8



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Helping Parent Training

Saturday, June 8
10am to 1pm

In Person (lunch provided) or Virtual Option

Center for Children & Families
1150 W. Chestnut St, Walla Walla

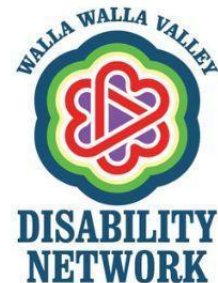
Do you have a child with a disability? Do you remember getting the diagnosis for your child and the difficulties you had? Do you want to help other parents with information and emotional support?

This meeting is for past Helping Parents, new Helping Parents and those interested about the Helping Parents program. You will learn what a Helping Parent does, about resources in our area, and get acquainted with other Helping Parents in our network.

You will also have a chance to create a Helping Parent profile on our website to better meet the needs of all parents.



Register on our website at wwvdn.org. or call Angie Witt at 509-540-9880 with questions.



[Register for Helping Parent Training June 8](#)

Music Time June Session

Mondays & Wednesdays June 17, 19, 24 & 26



It's Music Time!

For children & adults of all ages who have disabilities

\$20 for 4 music meet ups (M/W) June 17, 19, 24 & 26

5:30 to 6:30 pm

limited to 10 participants



Each meet up will include singing, instrument play, and movement to music.



¡Es hora de la música!

Para niños y adultos de todas las edades que tienen discapacidades.

\$20 por 4 encuentros musicales (lunes/miércoles)

17, 19, 24 y 26 de junio

5:30 a 6:30 pm limitado a

10 participantes



Cada encuentro incluirá canto, interpretación de instrumentos y movimiento al ritmo de la música.

[Sign Up for Music Time](#)

Papás y Mamás Especiales

martes 25 de junio, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Reunión de apoyo solo para personas que hablan español.

[RSVP a Ysabel](#)

Missoula Children's Theatre Workshop

"Put Your Best Foot Forward"

Wednesday, June 26 at 2:30 pm

Missoula Children's Theatre is in town for their production of "Treasure Island" and they are hosting a workshop for WWVDN families!

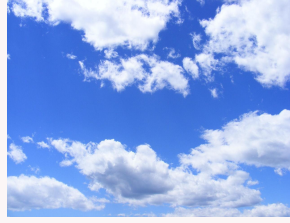
Join us for FREE at "Put Your Best Foot Forward" and get your groove on with this fun, physical workshop. Participants will learn different styles of movement and dance used in Theatre to create an interpretive dance of a classic fairytale! This workshop is great for all levels of movers and for age 6 and older. Siblings are welcome to join in the fun.

Who knows? Maybe you were meant for the stage!

[RSVP for "Put Your Best Foot Forward"](#)

SUMMER 2024 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

There's a lot happening this summer at WWVDN and in the community. Check our Calendar of Events and the link to this webpage frequently as we are always adding things as we learn about what is being offered in the area.



Monthly Activities & Events

June

Papás y Mamás Especiales

- 25 de junio, Centro para niños y familias - 5:30 pm

Parent to Parent Walla Walla

- June 18, Parent to Parent Potluck - 5:30 pm

Parent to Parent Columbia County

- June 21, No Host Dinner TBD - 6:00 pm

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Community News & Activities

Informing Families: Summer Safety Resources



Spring and summer is a time we get to spend with loved ones doing many of our favorite activities outdoors! Swimming, hiking, or just enjoying the nice weather. Remember it is important to stay up to date and educated on summer safety information. This includes signs of dehydration, water/swimming safety, and how to stay cool in the summer heat. Here are some resources to help you and your family stay safe this summer.

[More Information Here](#)

Assistive Technology Device Lending Library



Our Device Lending Program offers individuals the chance to borrow an assistive technology device to help them make an independent decision about what device will work best for them before making a financial commitment. Borrow a device to see what suits your needs or as a short term accommodation if your device is being repaired or while you are waiting for the arrival of a purchased device.

More Information Here

Birth to Three Toolkit



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From Birth to Three Toolkit

A Guide to Washington Services for Infants and Toddlers (ages 0-3 with disabilities)

New parents have a lot to manage. Concern about whether a child's growth and development are on track can be confusing. This toolkit provides places to begin if caregivers suspect that a baby or young child may need services due to a developmental delay or disability.

[Birth to Three Toolkit Here](#)

SUN Bucks Summer EBT Program

Washington SUN Bucks Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program

In December 2022, the federal government authorized a new permanent, nationwide Summer EBT program – also known as SUN Bucks – to support children who lose access to free and reduced-price school meals during the summer months.

SUN Bucks is separate from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and provides \$120 in food benefits to each eligible child. This amount may be adjusted annually. Similar to SNAP, SUN Bucks is a flexible food benefit that families can use to buy food to help offset rising food costs. Click [here](#) to learn how your child can receive SUN Bucks.

Click the Washington Sun Bucks Summer EBT Program link below for more information on:

- How do children receive SUN Bucks?
- What else should I know about SUN Bucks?
- When will children get SUN Bucks?
- Do these benefits expire?

[Washington SUN Bucks Summer EBT Program](#)

Family ECHO: Autism

Project ECHO Family Series Offerings

Family ECHO: RUBI for Families is a collaborative journey designed to empower parents and caregivers. By fostering an environment of shared learning, it connects families with experts and provides essential knowledge and support. The sessions are designed to shift medical and behavioral information from the clinic into the hands of parents and caregivers so they can learn to better support and care for their children.

Nationwide Children's Hospital offers Family ECHO: RUBI groups covering a range of topics. See what sessions are coming up during the second quarter of 2024.

Family ECHO: RUBI

Family ECHO: RUBI for Families covers topics related to managing behavior, including behavioral principles, communication strategies, and the use of technology for tracking and sharing information with providers. Participants will gain insights into evidence-based practices that enhance the well-being of children with developmental disabilities. Together, families gain insights into behavioral management techniques, enhance their leadership skills, and acquire practical strategies for caring for children with developmental disabilities.

June 26, 4:00 to 5:15 - "Building Functional Communication and Teaching Skills"



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