

November 2020 News & Events



Down Syndrome - Proven Cure for Impaired Vision!

By Jared Hawkins

It was 2:30 a.m. I woke with a start in the hospital room. The day before had been a long day. My wife had gone into labor early that morning, 5 weeks early. We raced to the hospital.

[Read More](#)

For more family stories, please visit our Parent to Parent page:

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A Note from Parent to Parent

Another month has quickly passed by. I love the changing of colors and the crisp mornings. This time of year has also been stressful with distance learning, elections and dealing with an uptick in Covid cases in our valley. Take a deep breath, you will get through this.

I wanted to share some information with you about the new Educational Ombudsman, Carrie Basas. She is available to help answer questions and work with you on any school issues you may be experiencing with your child. They are a wealth of knowledge about what the schools should be doing for your child even if the child is getting 2.5 hours a day in person learning or distance learning. She said that the home is the classroom and that teachers

need to be treating it as such and that the IEP goals should be followed. To reach Carrie or the staff at OEO:

Website: www.oeo.wa.gov

Phone: 1-866-297-2597.

Email: oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov

Facebook in Espanol: <https://www.facebook.com/ombudsdeEducacion/>



Walla Walla Legislative Meet & Greet (on Zoom)

November 12, 1:15 pm

Join together with parents, our local legislators and community stakeholders to share your stories and learn about current legislation and how it impacts families with special needs.

[More Information & RSVP](#)

Family Game Night

Tuesday, Nov 17, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Fun for parents & kids. Join us on Zoom for an hour of fun!

[More Details & RSVP](#)

New Addition to our Website!

We have added a list of children's books (divided by reading level from easy reader to young adult) that feature characters with disabilities. This new section can be found under the Resources Tab, in the Education Section. It is by no means an exhaustive list, just a starting point to begin exploring.

[Check it out!](#)

WWVDN and P2P would like to reach out to you during the holiday season. Would you take a few moments to

update your address? You may soon find a special treat in your mailbox.

[Update My Address](#)



Save the Date: Wednesday, December 9, 7-8pm
Virtual Holiday Party

Details to follow...



**Monthly Activities
& Events**

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Mamas Especiales

Fridays, Nov 6, 13, 20 & Dec 4, 11 - 1:00 pm. Spanish Speaking Support Group.

Parents & Kids Game Night

Nov 17 - 7:00 pm

Autism Parent/Caregiver Meeting

Nov 19 - 6:30 pm.

Columbia Co. P2P Meeting

Nov 20 - 5:30 pm.

Looking for help due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)?

[Covid-19 Resources](#)

Social Emotional Learning at Home

Find resources and activities here to help build awareness and skills in managing emotions, setting goals, establishing relationships, and making responsible decisions that support success in school and in life.

[More Information](#)

ARC Advocacy Efforts

Advocacy for people with disabilities and those who support them.

[Advocate with the ARC of Washington](#)



Do you know how to contact your legislators?

Share your story with your elected officials.
They need to know how their decisions affect your life.

[Find my representatives here](#)

Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs Family Assistance Program

[Details & How to Apply](#)

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