

August 2021 Newsletter



Spotlight on Amy Harris

by Angie Witt

I first met Amy when WWVDN was picked to be a recipient of the Battle of the Badge baseball game between the firefighters and police officers. Here was this spunky red head running a mile a minute getting everything organized and all the kinks worked out to make the event a great success.

Which it was!

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

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A Note from Parent to Parent

Summer is quickly disappearing on us. We hope you have had time to rest, unwind and relax this summer. Parent to Parent and WWVDN do not usually plan too much for the month of August to give staff a chance to plan for next year and recharge our batteries. We will have summer camp at the end of the month, and a "Preparing for School" workshop in the middle of the month.

There are many different activities still available in our community to enjoy. Adaptive Swim will take place every Friday in August through the 20th, the YMCA has open swim times available for families and the city is showing movies on the big screen at different parks. Downtown Walla Walla will have local live music each Saturday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the First St. Plaza.

Your coordinators are open for coffee, visits and phone calls for you. Just give us a call. Enjoy the month of August and we look forward to seeing you out and about!

Sincerely,
Angie and Ysabel

"Preparing for School" Workshop

Wed. August 18, 6pm

At the Center for Children & Families.

[Register to Attend](#)



Summer Camp

August 23-27, 9am to noon

Camp Director: Angie Witt

Dates: August 23 - 27

Time: 9:00 am to noon

Ages: School-aged (5 thru 21)

Cost: \$50 for the one-week session

Location: A determination will soon be made whether Summer Camp will be held in person at the Center for Children & Families (1150 W Chestnut) or virtually over Zoom. Check www.vdn.org for updates.

Summer Camp is designed specifically for kids with mild to moderate special needs and offers crafts, games, snacks, guest visits with firefighters, 4-H, a walk to Fort Walla Walla Museum, building rockets, making race cars and many other activities. Sponsored by United Way.

[Sign up for Summer Camp](#)



WWVDN Annual Meeting

**Saturday, August 28, 7:00 pm at Veteran's
Memorial Pool**

Join us for an evening of swimming fun as we honor those who have served on the WWVDN Board of Directors, welcome our newest WWVDN Board Members, and enjoy seeing old and new friends. The concession stand and slides will be open from 7-8pm, pool open from 7-9pm. We are limited to 250 attendees, so RSVP to save your spot!

Peer Mentors - We would love to have you join us!

[RSVP for WWVDN Annual Meeting](#)



Monthly Activities & Events August 2021

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Mamas Especiales

Walk with M.E. Monday thru Friday, 6:15 am at Murr Park

Tuesday, August 17 - 6:00 pm at Center for Children & Families

Columbia County P2P Group

No August meeting

Autism Family Meeting

No August meeting

Adaptive Swim

Swimming opportunity for children and adults with intellectual & physical developmental disabilities and their families/caregivers. Each week there will be a short water safety video & activity followed by swim instruction and an hour of open swim. For questions please call 524-4554.



Adaptive Swim

All Ages

June 25 - Aug 20

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9:00am - 11:00am

Drop In Admission \$2

Location:

Veterans Memorial Pool, 505 E. Rees Ave

Adaptive Swim at Veteran's Memorial Pool

Fridays (August 6, 13, & 20) 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Cost \$2 per person



WW Parks & Rec Program Guide



Walla Walla Sunrise Rotary



Presents the 3rd Annual

September 19 1:00pm-3:30pm

THE RACE FOR THE REST OF US!

You can do it!

Point 5 Kilometers=1/2 of a kilometer = 546.8 yards = .31 miles = 1640 feet = 19,685 inches

"The Race

For the Rest Of Us"

The Walla Walla Point 5K is
500 meters of grueling
terrain over pancake flat
paved road.

Sunday, September 19 1pm-3:30pm at QUIRK
brewery. 425 B. Street, Walla Walla

\$30 to "race" also gets you "A PROUD FINISHER"
T-Shirt, a pint of beer (or root beer), pretentious
European oval sticker for your car window, and
maybe some other goodies.

Don't worry, we'll have an aid station, a donut
break at the half way point and lots of people to
cheer you on!

Costumes and Teams Encouraged-Pets need to
stay home.

Benefits go to



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Disability
Network

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More Information

DID YOU KNOW?



New Funding for Clients on DDA's No Paid Services Caseload

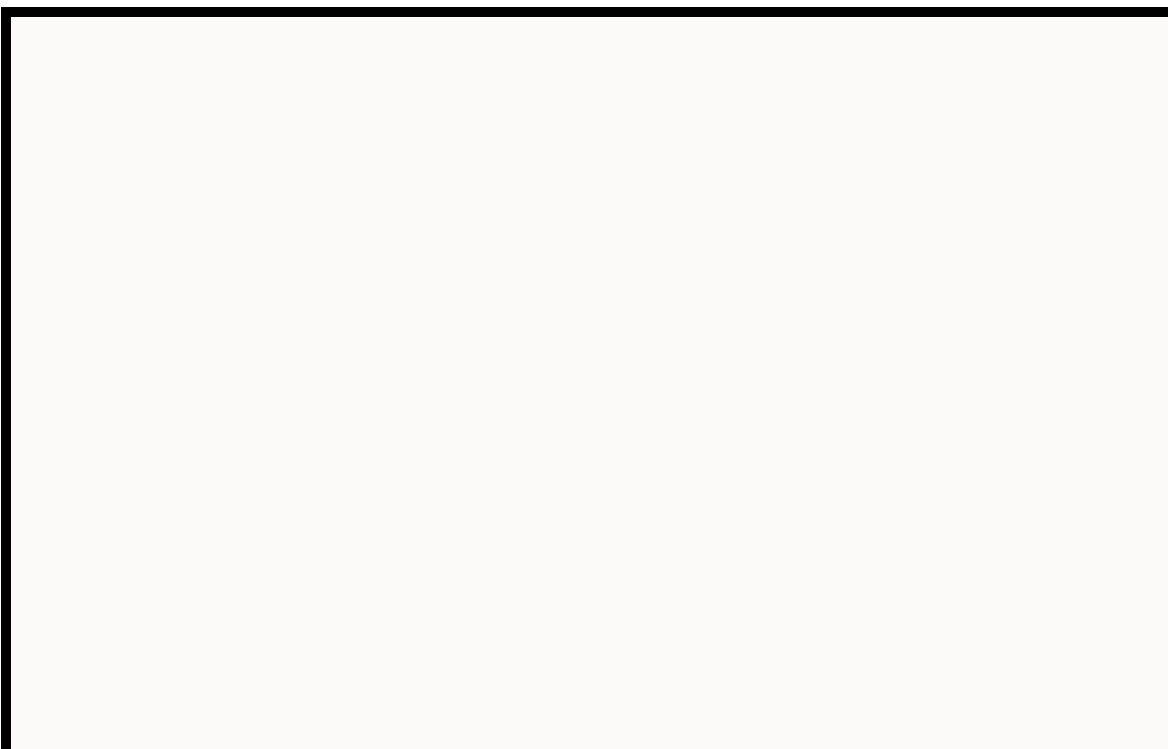
This past session, state lawmakers included new funding to increase enrollment in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Home and Community Based Services waiver programs, including the Individual & Family Services, Basic Plus, Core, and Children's Intensive In-Home Behavior Support.

If you are a client of DDA, but not receiving a paid service, visit dda.wa.gov to fill out an online request for services and information.

To learn more about DDA waivers, visit informingfamilies.org/dda-waivers. And for information about how to apply (and why it's important), our short new video explains it all at informingfamilies.org/dda-how-to-apply.



The legislature has funded hundreds of new spots on our state's waivers! You must contact DDA and request a waiver spot. Visit dda.wa.gov to fill out an online request for services & information.



The Developmental Disabilities Administration is pleased to introduce the 6040 no-paid services project. Directed by 2020 substitute senate bill 6040, DDA is connecting with people who are enrolled with DDA but not receiving a paid service. This project will help DDA find out what needs people might have.



If you are not receiving a paid service, you may get a phone call from DDA to:

- Have a conversation about support needs.
- Connect with a case manager if desired.
- Determine how to request services in the future.

If you do not receive a call, you may receive a survey. DDA invites you to complete the survey so we can learn more about people's needs.

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We will send the results to the Washington State Legislature so they understand the support needs of people who do not currently receive a service.

Thanks for your participation. It is important to know how we can best support people enrolled with DDA.

For more information contact:

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Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Over 14,000 people are on the "no paid services" caseload. They have been determined to be eligible for paid services, but because of a lack of funding, do not receive supports they need. If this affects you, please respond so our legislators know the true level of need in our community.

**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](#)

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