

## October 2021 Newsletter

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### Congratulations Angie & Ysabel!

by Cyndy Knight

WWVDN is pleased to announce that Angie Witt is adding to her role as Parent to Parent Coordinator, and will be serving our community as TRANSITION SPECIALIST! Ysabel Fuentes has expanded her role as P2P Hispanic Outreach Coordinator and is actively promoting EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN EMPLOYMENT, helping families and employment providers to increase employment for Spanish speakers with disabilities.

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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

Hi all,

We face many trials and triumphs on this journey raising children with disabilities and can often feel overwhelmed and alone, left out or always trying to explain our child's behaviors, diagnosis etc. I was thinking about a young lady that I see weekly who is in a wheelchair with little movement, cannot speak and is fed through a g-tube. Some may look at this young lady and feel pity or sadness for all she cannot do, but every single time I see her, she has the biggest smile on her face and is so happy. It doesn't matter what kind of day she is having or what is going on around her, she is happy. I often ask myself, who should have pity and sadness? This young lady who is happy to see others, she does not care what we look like, what we wear, where we live,

etc. She sees you and that makes her happy. I ask myself, who really are the disabled of the world? Most of the time, our children are accepting of others no matter their socio-economic background, race, color of their skin, sexual orientation etc. We as human beings can learn so much from the children we raise, teach, or come in contact with who have a disability. They are so valuable and we have so much to learn from those who are viewed as disabled.

Angie and Ysabel

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## **Weekday Walk with ME (at Murr Park - corner of Abbott & Fern)**

**Monday thru Friday at 7:30 am**

Enjoy fresh air and companionship with a brisk walk each weekday morning.



## **Paper Party Wednesday, October 13, 6:00 pm**

**At the Center for Children &  
Families**

A paper party is a time to meet with representatives and WWVDN staff to help fill out paperwork, ask questions, and find out if you are qualified for services.

[\*\*More Information & RSVP\*\*](#)



## **Better Together Social Club: Craft Night**

**Tuesday, October 19, 6:00 pm**

All ages welcome! Join us for crafts at the Center for Children & Families.

[\*\*More Information & RSVP\*\*](#)

## Parent to Parent Meeting Thursday, October 28, 6:00 pm

Center for Children & Families in the  
library.

Things are changing up with Parent to Parent. Our meetings will be consolidated to one meeting each month. We will all meet together for the first 45 minutes to discuss topics of interest and then breakout in smaller groups.



**More Information & RSVP**

## Harvest Party at the YMCA

Sponsored by the YMCA and WWVDN

Saturday, October 30, 2021

1:00 - 4:00 PM

- Games and activities
- Music
- Costume Runway Show (wear your costumes)
- Prizes and candy
- Photo Booth
- Snacks/drinks
- Swimming from 3:00-4:00 PM (bring swimsuit and towel)

You don't want to miss this great party. Parents are encouraged to leave and come back at 3:00 pm to swim, or parents can stay and enjoy the fun. There will be plenty of WWVDN staff, YMCA staff and peer mentors available.

Please RSVP at [www.vdn.org](http://www.vdn.org) by Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Masks will be worn at all times unless eating and swimming



**Deadline to RSVP for Harvest Party is Oct 28th**



# Monthly Activities & Events

## October 2021

[See Calendar of Events](#)

### Mamas Especiales

- Walk with M.E. Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am at Murr Park
- Virtual Fridays: Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 - 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, Oct 19 - 6:00 pm at Center for Children & Families

### Columbia County P2P Group

Oct 15 - 5:30 pm



### Swimming Lessons at the YMCA

Oct 4 - Oct 14, 4:30 to 5:10 pm,  
Monday thru Thursday (total of 8  
classes)

Cost: \$50 (scholarships available)

Class Size: 4 students

Additional 2-week sessions will continue through the Fall and Winter, so if you cannot make it to this session, check back and register when a new session opens (every 2 weeks).

[Information & Registration](#)



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## Wise Learning Center

Wise is pleased to invite you to our Wise Learning Center. This Learning Center contains training relevant to the work of obtaining and maintaining employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Wise Learning Center training content:

- Is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week
- Currently contains 13 different learning paths with over 115 trainings of varying lengths
- Has new trainings added each week
- Includes learning paths for Person-Centered Employment Planning, Discovery, Job Development and Marketing, Systematic Instruction, Positive Behavior Support, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Self-Advocacy, and Transition (School to Work)
- Addresses COVID 19 impacts in the learning path 'Coping with COVID'

In addition, LITMOS, the learning management system software housing the Learning Center, is offering a free series of training on managing and working virtually. You will find those trainings listed under the title: 'Welcome to the Remote Readiness and Productivity Academy'

Cost: \$350.00 for an individual membership through June 2022.

WA State Residents' fee is sponsored by county and state funding using the promo code WASTATE. Note: Registrant training information will be provided to their associated county for the monitoring of training requirements.

New Users Register Here

Existing Users Login Here

Access the Wise Learning Library on the go with the Litmos app!

- Download and install the SAP Litmos app.
- In the smart phone browser, go to [gowise.litmos.com](http://gowise.litmos.com) and login.
- A pop up screen asks if you want to open it in the app or continue on the browser; click open in app.
- This sets the app to our litmos site, and people can login thereafter by entering their password.

To access WA State DDA Required Policy Trainings only (free of charge/no access to other courses), please click [WA State DDA Required Policy Trainings](#)

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**DDA is covering the cost for all WA residents to have access to the Wise Learning Center for a year.**

**Learn More**

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## **Do you have questions or concerns about the Covid vaccine? reactions? infections?**

The Department of Health hosted a Q&A for its staff on the science of COVID vaccines and has made the video available for public viewing.

**Watch the Video**

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