



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**

February 2022 Newsletter



2021 "You Made A Difference" Award Winners

Started in 2017, the "You Made A Difference" Awards began as a way to recognize community members that have given greatly to the disability community through acts of kindness, volunteer

service, inclusion and/or advocacy to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. The You Made A Difference Awards are made possible through memorial donations given by friends and family in memory of JOHN HOUGH and ALAN SCHROEDER. Their legacy in our network lives on by recognizing the difference we can all make in the lives of others.

[***Read More About the Award Winners***](#)

A Note from Parent to Parent

We have a 100% track record of getting through tough situations and for that we should celebrate. January always seems to be a tough month to get through and this January was no different. With the let down of the holidays, the gloomy weather, and the surge of Omicron affecting ourselves personally or someone we know, but here we are still standing. Some of us may be standing on one leg, some are a little worse for wear, and I can say most of us are weary. It does not have to be pretty, or look a certain way but we can

proudly say that we can put one foot in front of the other and keep moving. Celebrate this fact and be proud of getting through. Please know that you are not alone in this journey. We are here for you. Please call, text, email your coordinators anytime. We can offer a listening ear, help you find resources, help find answers to questions or just hold your hand.

I want to remind you to check out our website often for resources and the calendar of events. We have many offerings in the month of February for yourself and your family.

Sincerely,
Angie and Ysabel ♥♥♥

Challenger Basketball

Last 2 Fridays are Feb 4 & Feb 11



Transition Workshop Series

Start time is 6:30 pm (on Zoom):

Feb 9 - Guardianship, Power of Attorney, and Self-Determination

Feb 23 - Employment and Community Inclusion Services

Mar 9 - Transportation in Our Community and Housing Options

Mar 30 - Transition Expo 6:00 to 8:00 pm

[Register for February 9 Workshop](#)



March Bowling at Bowlaway Lanes

Saturdays - March 5, 12, 19 & 26

Noon to 2:00 pm, \$3 per game

[RSVP for Bowling](#)



Monthly Activities & Events

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- Virtual Fridays: Feb 4, 11, 18, & 25 - 1:00 pm
- Meet at Center for Children & Families - Feb 15 at 6:00 pm

Columbia County P2P Group

- Feb 18 at 5:30 pm

Social Club

- Feb 21 - Brushes & Brix at 3:30 pm

Parent to Parent Meetings

- Feb 17 - No Host Dinner at Shari's
- Feb 24 - Meeting at the Center for Children & Families

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Free Cooking & Craft Kits at Valley Residential Services

Pick up a cooking or craft kit each Wednesday, take it home and complete it. Join the VRS Cooking & Craft Facebook page for more information or call their office (509.522.0400). Please RSVP to VRS if you are new to this program so they can make enough kits for pick up.

[VRS Cooking & Crafts Facebook Page](#)

Mobile Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics

If you are homebound and want a Covid-19 vaccination or booster, the Department of Community Health has mobile clinics operating.

Please contact Andrea DeLong at 509-524-2652 or

adelong@co.walla-walla.wa.us for information or to schedule.

DSHS Stakeholder Input Opportunity

The Department of Social and Health Services' Developmental Disabilities Administration is preparing renewals and an amendment for waivers funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Stakeholders have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft waiver renewals and amendment before they are sent to CMS. The official 30-day comment period is Jan. 19, 2022, through Feb. 19, 2022. Review the [letter](#).

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