

May 2021 News & Events



Mother's Day Thoughts

by Shamra Baez

Happy Mother's Day, moms! I hope you are all appropriately honored this month. It's been nearly 22 years since I became a mother and my list of identities: daughter, sister, wife, grew to include "mom." My first two daughters, born 17 months apart, changed the way I view myself. My third daughter changed my world. [Read More](#)

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

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A Note from Parent to Parent

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms, Grandmas, Aunts and special ladies in our lives. You are doing a tremendous job with your children. It's not an easy task but the joy it brings far outweighs the hard times. This past year, you have had to endure more than you ever dreamed of and as a special needs mom it seemed that you had to really hold together a growing list of duties. I want to say how proud I am of you. You did it! It may have not looked pretty at times and seemed so overwhelming but you survived and so did your kiddos. You are resilient, strong, powerful and inspiring.

Our staff is available for help with DDA and SSI applications, understanding IEPs, and other paperwork you may need help with. Give us a call to set up an appointment.

Angie and Ysabel
P2P Coordinators

Father's Network Interest Survey

Fathers, are you interested in having a Father's Network/Group in Walla Walla?

Take the Interest Survey

Walk with ME (Mamas Especiales)

Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am

Meet at Murr Park (Fern & Abbott) for a stroll around the park. Enjoy fresh air and companionship. Covid-19 precautions for current stage must be followed.

Better Together: Adult Social Club (Private Watch Party - Wonder Woman)

May 11, at 6:30 pm at Cinemark
Admission fee \$5, limited to 20 participants. RSVP [here](#)



Better Together: Youth Social Club

May 4, 3:45 to 5:15 pm
Outdoor meeting at the Center for Children & Families.
Limited to 11 participants. RSVP [here](#)

Life Care Planning with Jared Hawkins & Parent Panel

May 12, Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm

Hear from Jared Hawkins, lawyer and Dad, about creating a will, as well as a parent panel on do-it-yourself guardianships, paid guardianships, power of attorney options, and self determination.

RSVP for Life Planning

Caregiver Support Meeting - Housing Options with Shannon Bergevin

May 19, Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm

Learn about a community housing option for our community that Shannon has been working on.

RSVP for Housing Options



May 15 - Open Swim for People with Disabilities & Their Families

Session 1: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Session 2: 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Must Register [here](#) to participate.

May 23 - Parents Day Out

2:00 to 5:00 pm Details & Registration [here](#).

**Walla Walla Public
Schools Summer**



Program Registration in May

FREE. Math & reading focus, fun activities, food & transportation provided. [Details here.](#)

Deadline to Register for Whiffle Ball: May 20

COME ON OUT AND PLAY WHIFFLE BALL with Coach Amy

For all ages

Thursdays in June, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Garrison Middle School Field

\$10.00 per person

Each player will need to bring their own water, and a mask must be worn at all times.

Please register on our website at www.vdn.org with shirt size no later than May 20th.

Thursdays in June (3, 10, 17, 24)

[Register for Whiffle Ball](#)

2021 WWVDN Annual Survey

Your input determines how to best serve families in the Walla Walla Valley region.



[Take the 2021 WWVDN Survey](#)

Monthly Activities & Events

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Mamas Especiales

Fridays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 - 1:00 pm Spanish Speaking Support Group

Columbia County P2P Meeting

May 21 - 5:30 pm (Dayton City Park)

Autism Family/Caregiver Meeting

May 27 - 6:00 pm (Center for Children & Families)



Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council

The Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) is looking for new members to fill open positions.

Who can serve as a DDC member?

- People with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Family members or guardians of people with I/DD

What does the DDC do?

The DDC mission is to advocate, promote and implement policies and practices over the life course to create pathways to meaningful, integrated and productive lives for people with I/DD. The DDC does this by:

- ⇒ Collaborating and coordinating with public and private organizations
- ⇒ Developing effective leaders and advocates
- ⇒ Advocating for new and better policies, programs, and practices

How do you apply to become a DDC member?

- Visit: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/boards-commissions>
- Click "Apply to serve on a board or commission"
- Select "Developmental Disabilities Council" from the first drop-down menu
- Complete the application and click "submit"

⇒ People from all racial/ethnic and geographic communities are encouraged to apply.

⇒ Each term is three years and members can be reappointed for a second term.

⇒ All member expenses are paid for by the DDC— including travel, meals, lodging, respite care, and other accommodations.

For more information, please contact the DDC office at 1-800-634-4472 or
Linda West at linda.west@ddc.wa.gov or
Jeremy Norden-Paul at jeremy.norden-paul@ddc.wa.gov

Seen, Heard and Valued

1. Go to any room you want anytime you want as a learner & leader
2. Share your presence, heart, ideas as you want to; listen to new perspectives
3. Connect with others, Strengthen yourself and your family & Collaborate for kids
4. Topics are determined by YOU.

Where family, school and community come together as ONE TEAM for kids

VIRTUAL PARENTCAMP WALLA WALLA

The New Model of Family Engagement

Walla Walla Public Schools
Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

ParentCamp

Thursday, May 20
7:00-8:00 pm Zoom

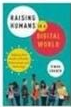
Register and learn more at
www.bit.ly/parentcampww

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Raising Humans in a Digital World

Facilitator:
Diana Graber



Diana Graber, Author & Founder, Cyberwise/Cyber Civics

Author of Raising Humans in a Digital World: Helping Kids Build a Healthy Relationship with Technology. An expert on digital literacy, Diana writes and presents about technology's impact upon human behavior. Her no-nonsense approach comes from being an educator, media producer, academic, and most of all, a mom. She developed, and still teaches Cyber Civics, the popular middle school digital literacy program being taught in 47 US states and internationally. Diana has a B.A. in Communication Studies from UCLA and an M.A. in Media Psychology and Social Change from Fielding Graduate University.

Join us the night of the event for your chance to receive a free copy of Diana's book, Raising Humans in a Digital World: Helping Kids Build a Healthy Relationship with Technology.

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Virtual Parent Camp

May 20, 7:00 to 8:00 on Zoom

FIRST-DOSE VACCINE CLINICS

MAY 4

3-5 p.m.



Providence Southgate
1025 S 2nd Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Scan
&
Register
TODAY!



MAY 5

3-5 p.m.



Providence Southgate
1025 S 2nd Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Scan
&
Register
TODAY!



**WALK-IN
APPOINTMENTS
AVAILABLE**
(FIRST-DOSE CLINICS ONLY)

If you need assistance
scheduling your
appointment call the Walla
Walla County Department
of Community Health
Helpline
(509) 524-2647



UPCOMING SECOND-DOSE CLINICS:

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
- THURSDAY, MAY 6
- SATURDAY, MAY 8
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
- SUNDAY, MAY 16

- County Fairgrounds
- Providence Southgate

Online events and opportunities throughout the state:

May 11 - Telling Your Story With A Purpose

May 12 - Life Care Planning (ARC Spokane)

May 15 - Dads Virtual Conference

Dating Skills Series

Special Education Legal Clinic

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