



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**



June 2025 Newsletter

Your partnership and support of our programs, activities, and the families we serve—those who have a loved one with an intellectual or developmental disability—mean the world to us.

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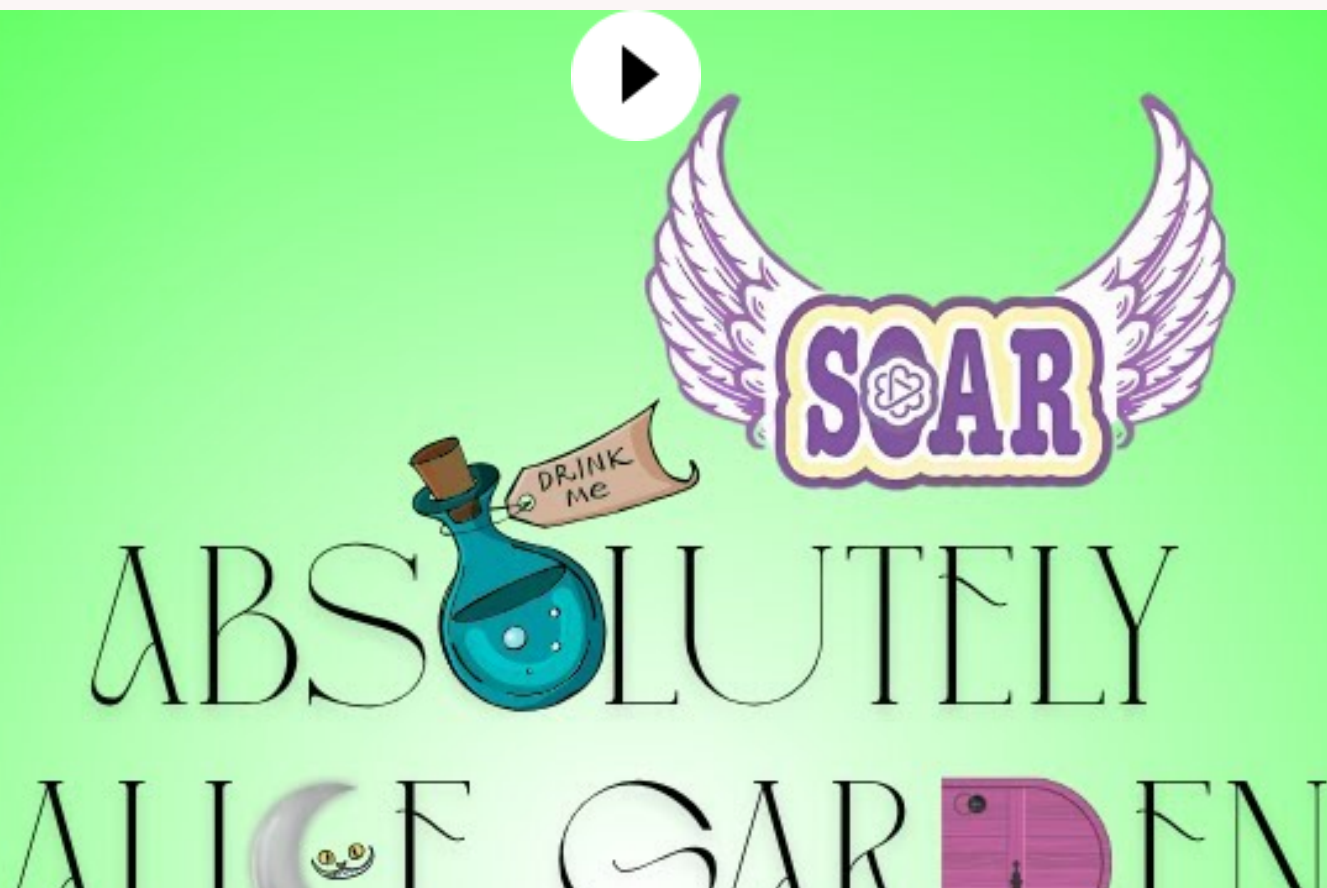
Spotlight: Challenger Baseball 2025





"Friday, May 16 marked the grand finale of our 2025 Challenger Baseball season — and what a fantastic finish it was! The day kicked off with warm-ups alongside the Cubs Little League Team, followed by games of catch and plenty of 'at bats.'" [Read More](#)

Spotlight: SOAR Absolutely Alice Garden & Tea Party



ALICE CARROLL & TEA PARTY



"Saturday, May 17, 2025 the sky was dark with the constant downpour soaking our clothes as we waded our way towards our destination. It was the opposite of what most would consider an ideal spring day, but it did not discourage us from diving down the rabbit hole into a whimsical world full of curiosity and wonder." [Read More](#)

Note From Parent to Parent

As most of you have heard, I [Angie Witt] am resigning from Parent to Parent and Informing Families at the end of summer. I have had the pleasure of serving as the Parent to Parent Coordinator on and off for 18 years. I remember the first time I met the Parent to Parent Coordinator at the time my daughter was just a few months old and I felt like someone got it and I did not feel so alone. That has been my goal as the Parent to Parent Coordinator - to help other families on their journey not feel like they were alone or isolated. It has been such a pleasure to meet so many amazing families, children and other agency representatives in our community that serve families. We truly live in a wonderful community. I have made some lifelong friends that I am so blessed with. WWVDN has the most amazing employees and has such a strong mission to serve families.

I am grateful for you.

With that being said. Summer is upon us and we have so much planned. We have two potlucks planned in June for families, The Little Theater and Missoula Children's Theater will host a workshop for our children on June 18th, Adaptive Swim is back again on Fridays beginning June 20th, SOAR and P2P are partnering to bring a summer camp to our outlying communities the last week of June, and we are busy planning July and August events. Check out our website for more info and to sign up.

Ysabel and I are available to meet with you on an individual basis as well.

(If you're interested in working for the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network as a Parent to Parent & Informing Families Coordinator then check out the job opening on our website for more information)

[Job Description](#)

"Walkamoly" grupo de caminata

Meeting Tuesdays & Thursdays

I WALKAMOLY!

JOIN US

AT MURR PARK

LOCATION  **CORNER OF ABBOT AND FERN**  **APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 2025**

This invitation is for the whole family.

Come for a walk with your family and friends, maybe even your dog.

This activity is to support our mental health.

We'll meet at the restrooms at 7:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starting April 8, Angie will be there Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

WE WILL HAVE GIVEAWAYS AT
THE END OF EACH MONTH.

**DON'T
MISS IT**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:
ANGIE WITT: 509-255-3727 * YSABEL FUENTES: 509-301-0679**

Papás y Mamás Especiales

Monday, June 2 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



MONTHLY MEETING



SPECIAL DADS AND MOMS

You're cordially invited to our support meeting, held the first Monday of every month. Come celebrate spring and make new memories.

You are not alone!

Come learn about other community resources and state programs.

Come meet other parents, other families!

Bring something to share.

April 7 - Autism Awareness

May 12 - Mother's Day

June 2 - Getting ready for the pool

5:30 - 7:30 p. m.

Center for Children and Families

1150 W. Chestnut Suite 113 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Ysabel

Fuentes. *. (509) 301-0679



[More Info Here](#)

P2P Monthly Meeting With DDA/CDWA

Wednesday, June 11 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Monthly Meeting With DDA/CDWA



Wednesday, June 11
11:30am - 1:30pm
in the CCF Library

Bring your lunch and questions for Kristina with DDA and a representative from CDWA.

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1150 W. Chestnut St.  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
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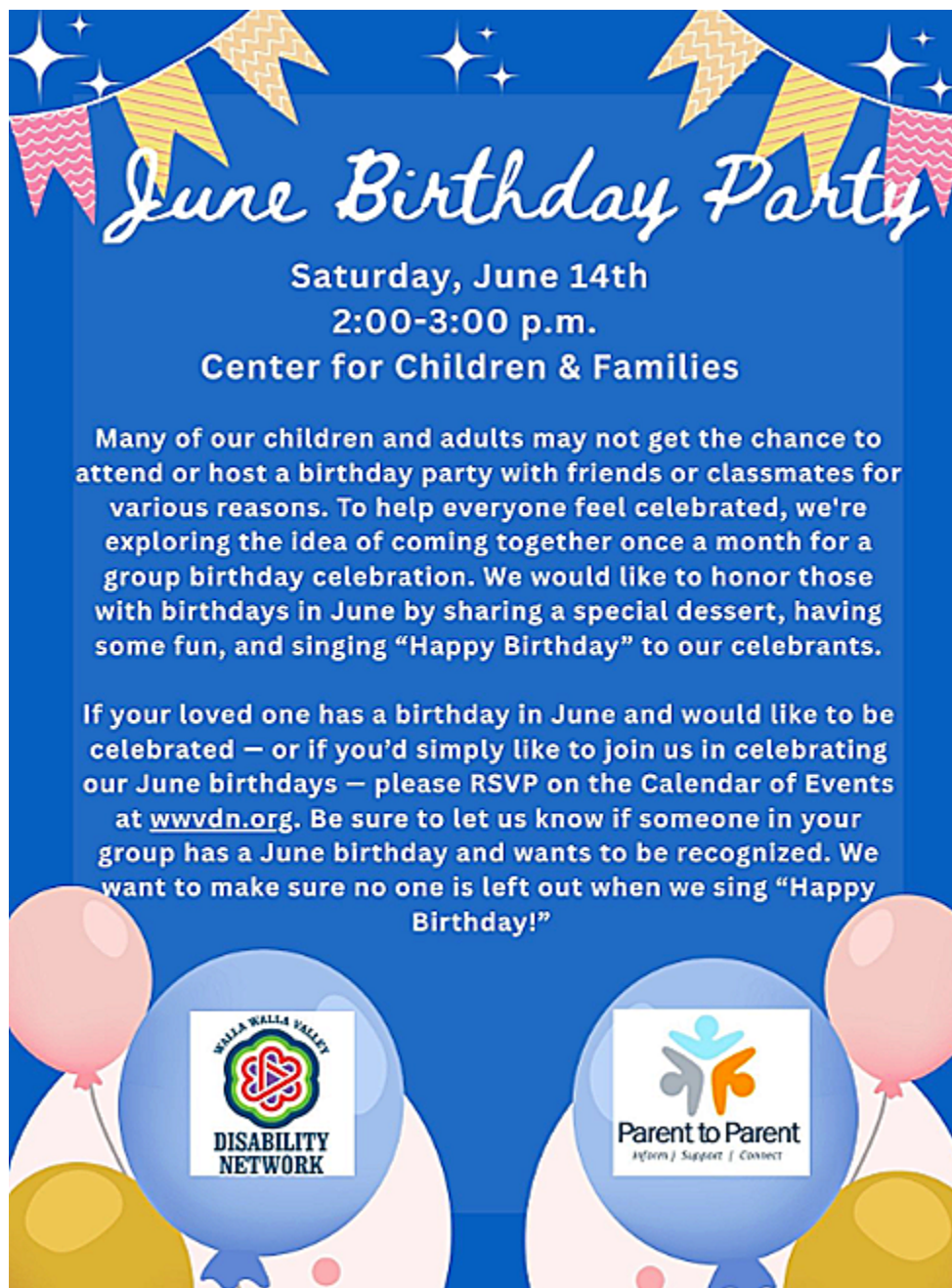
Call Angie at:
(509) 255-3727 for
questions or more
information.



[More Info Here](#)

June Birthday Party

Saturday, June 14 at 2:00 pm



[More Info Here](#)

MCT Workshop: Drama Quest - Adventures in the Jungle

Wednesday, June 18 from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm



This FREE incredibly fun special needs workshop is being offered to families and kids by the Little Theatre of Walla Walla and is taught by the Missoula Children's Theatre.

[More Info Here](#)

Rural Summer Day Camp

Monday thru Friday, June 23-27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm



(Registration Deadline Is Friday June 20)

Join us for a week of fun, connection, and creativity at our Rural Summer Day Camp! This inclusive indoor camp is designed for individuals with disabilities from Waitsburg, Dixie, Dayton, Prescott, and surrounding areas.

[More Info Here](#)

P2P Senior Caregiver Potluck

Wednesday, June 25 at 6:00pm



Parent to Parent
Inform | Support | Connect

SENIOR CAREGIVER POTLUCK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH

6:00 PM

**JIM AND LUCY KUTCHER'S
HOME**

**ADDRESS WILL BE SENT ONCE
YOU RSVP**

AT

www.wwwdn.org



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

Open for registration:

Saturday, June 7 - Lakeside Lunch & Lures

Monday, June 9 - Big Top Night Out (Jordan World Circus)

Friday, June 13 - Movie Night (How To Train Your Dragon)

Wednesday, June 18 - Whitman Rock Wall Climb

Friday, June 27 - Walla Walla Sweets Baseball Game

(Registration deadline is the Sunday before the event @ 6:00 PM)

[**Visit the SOAR Events Page**](#)

2025 Summer Activities



There's a lot happening this summer at WWVDN and in the community. Check our Calendar of Events and the link to this webpage frequently as we're always adding things as we learn what's being offered in the area.

[More Info Here](#)

Community News & Activities

Satellite Community Summit at Walla Walla County Fairgrounds

Wednesday, June 4, 8:30am to 5:00pm

Uniting for Impact



Engaging for Change

Uniéndonos para el impacto

Comprometerse con el cambio

2025 SATELLITE COMMUNITY SUMMIT

Join us as we will be streaming
the 2025 Virtual Community
Summit!

June 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds

Summit Includes:

- Keynotes and Sessions
- Resource Fair
- Hot Breakfast with Coffee and Tea
- BBQ Lunch
- Community Networking
- Spanish and ASL Interpretation
- Live Music

Cumbre de la Comunidad vía Satélite del 2025

¡Únase a nosotros mientras
transmitimos la Cumbre de la
Comunidad 2025 vía Satélite!

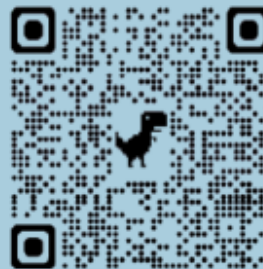
4 de junio del 2025

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Terrenos de la Feria Del Condado
De Walla Walla

Cumbre Incluye:

- Conferencias y Sesiones
- Feria de Recursos
- Desayuno Caliente con Café y Té
- Almuerzo de Barbacoa
- Conéctate con la Comunidad
- Interpretación en español y
lenguaje de señas (ASL)
- Musica en Vivo



How to Register:

To register for the event, scan the QR code
or visit <https://tinyurl.com/msemc54m>

For any questions, please contact Anne-
Marie Lake at anne-marie@gowise.org

Cómo Registrarse

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Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con
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2025 SATELLITE COMMUNITY SUMMIT



Time	Event	Details
8:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast	Registration opens and breakfast is provided.
8:30 a.m.	Virtual Event Begins	Housekeeping and Virtual Tour of the platform and Virtual event welcome.
9:00 a.m.	Opening Keynote	Creating a Culture of Accessibility & Inclusion: How to Become an Ally to the Disability Community Speakers: Emily Ladau and Ivanova Smith
10:00 a.m.	Local Summit Content	Jonathan Chase
11:00 a.m.	Break Out Session 1	A Community Conversation: Key Issues Facing Our Community Speakers: Jeri Plews and Julie Clark Welcome Technological Changes in Housing Speakers: Sheng Fang and Peggy Dotson Living, Working, and Thriving with Disabilities Speaker: Imani Barbarin
12:00 p.m.	BBQ Style Lunch along with the Virtual Resource Fair	
1:00 p.m.	Break Out Session 2	Shaping Our Future: Considering Where We Have Been and Where We Are Headed Speakers: David Murahashi and Brandi Monts Bridging Gaps: Community Inclusion and Employment Services Together Speakers: Karent Williams and Carrie Jarvis Empowering Voices: Advocacy, Inclusion, and Rights- A Conversation with Leading Self Advocacy Organizations Speakers: Tim Mccue and Tracy Turner
2:00 p.m.	One Hour Break	
3:00 p.m.	Break Out Session 3	Working Around the Pitfalls of Implementing the "Noting About Us Without Us" Act Speakers: Ivanova Smith and Michael Rogers Navigating Transition Services in Washington Speakers: Sue Saxton and Ben Martin Tour the Microsoft Inclusive Tech Lab Speaker: Bryce Johnson
4:00 p.m.	10-Minute Break	
4:10 p.m.	Closing Keynote	From Family Values to Community Service and Global Activism Speaker: Helena Donato-Sapp
5:00 p.m.	In-person wrap up	Thank you for coming and next steps

WA Developmental Disabilities: New Name, Same Mission!

Developmental Disabilities Community Services

Home and Community Living Administration



WA Developmental Disabilities: New Name. Same Mission.

On May 1, 2025, as part of Reimagine DSHS, community services for children and adults with developmental disabilities gained a new name: Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS). Although we are now working as a division within the newly formed Home and Community Living Administration, our leadership, [mission and values](#) remain the same. We strive to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live and thrive in their chosen communities with the supports they choose.

We Are Still Here

We want to assure everyone who received services under the former Developmental Disabilities Administration:

- You will continue to have the same services and providers, with the same rights to choose where and how you live.
- Your case manager is still your main contact for your services and supports.
- [Our phone numbers and emails](#) will stay the same.
- If you receive services in your community, you will continue to receive case management through HCLA, even if your provider is a state-operated program in the Behavioral Health and Habilitation Administration.
- HCLA will continue to support people who want to move from Residential Habilitation Centers and other facility-based care to the community.

We Are Listening

These changes reflect a focus on making it easier for people to access the supports they need. Organizational shifts are just the beginning. Real change is going to take time and input from people who are most impacted. Please visit [Reimagine DSHS](#) to learn more. You can send us questions, comments or feedback at Reimagine@dshs.wa.gov. If you have comments or questions specific to services for people with developmental disabilities, please [email us](#).

[More Info Here](#)



PRE-ETS SUMMER SERIES WALLA WALLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- June 9-13
- July 7-11
- July 28-August 1

Summer Transition Employment Program

This Pre-ETS summer workshop will provide youth who receive services under an IEP or 504, between the ages of 14-21 who are in an education program, gain skills to prepare for the workforce.

Summer workshop attendees will gain:

- Workplace Readiness (practice job interview techniques, manners in the workplace, support on social interactions, prepare for a job)
- Self-Advocacy (how to express opinions, how to request and accept support, decision-making skills)
- Job Exploration (students explore the world of work and learn more about their interests, abilities and future goals)
- Post-Secondary Education Counseling (Students receive guidance on how to gain education and/or technical training past high school)

(These services were developed in partnership with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation)

Blue Mountain Action Council

534 S. 3rd Ave
Walla Walla, WA

Please contact:

Laurie Patterson
509-876-7463

10 AM – 2 PM

- DEVELOP
POSITIVE WORK
HABITS
- IMPROVE SOCIAL
SKILLS
- LEARN ABOUT
INTERESTS
- GAIN
INDEPENDENT
LIVING SKILLS





PRE-ETS SUMMER WORKSHOP DAYTON LIBRARY

July 21 – 25



PRE-ETS SUMMER WORKSHOP COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

June 23 - 27

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- *Discover our services!*
- *Explore our site*
- *Meet our staff*

Horizon Project invites you to

GET TO KNOW US!

TUESDAY JUNE 3RD

**408 E MAIN ST HERMISTON
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

A great opportunity for families and students to
learn more about us!

Explore our Hermiston site and discover
what services we offer to adults with
Intellectual and Developmental disabilities.



Could this be your next
step?

*For more information,
please call Bryn Hill at*

541-567-8374

bryn.hill@hpi.ngo

DDA Continuing Education Training

Wednesday, June 18 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

R1 ONLINE TRAINING

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING



DDA Developmental
Disabilities Administration

June 18th, 2025

9AM-12PM

3CE

Designing a Roadmap for Romantic & Sexual Relationships

Build a relationship 'roadmap' with people you support to show them healthy ways to find a potential romantic and/or sexual partner(s). This training is designed to help you teach someone to determine their desired destination, plot their course, choose the safest routes, and understand the road signs along the way – so we can support and celebrate their search for someone special! The tools evolve with the person and are designed to create a safety net in case something does not go well along their journey.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify who can be potential romantic or sexual partners
- Outline a preferred relationship evolution
- Categorize desired, questionable, risky, and dangerous behaviors
- Support consent-based romantic or sexual connections



Facilitator: Shanya Luther, M.Div **Founder & Director of Among Friends**

Shanya is a social-sexual ecologist and speaker with nearly 20 years of experience presenting on all facets of gender, sexuality, consent, and healthy relationships. Shanya has more than 10 years of experience as an authorized Behavior Professional with an emphasis on social-sexual supports. Learn more about her training and consultation services at among-friends.org.



Please Note: Class starts promptly at the stated times. If you are late, you may not receive credit.

Class Size: Limited to 50 Participants

Register Here

ADVOCACY WORKSHOP SERIES

Facilitated by People with Disabilities

Stipends Provided for Attendees



Community
Employment
Alliance

Since 1974

Learn how to speak up for yourself and others! These workshops will help you build skills, gain confidence, and take action on issues that matter to you. Join us to connect with others and practice our advocacy strategies.

6 Virtual Sessions

Weds, 6/18 - 7/23, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Each session will cover a different topic:

- Introduction to Advocacy
- Digital Advocacy
- Local Advocacy
- Advocating with your Employer
- Advocating with your Parent(s) or Primary Caregiver
- Advocating with State Legislators

1 In-Person Session

7/30 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

At Compass Career Solutions:
1305 Tacoma Ave. S, Suite 201,
Tacoma, WA 98402

Lunch provided

**To RSVP and
request accommodations:**



360-536-0125



Aaron@Community
EmploymentAlliance.org



**EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

JUNE 18

To

JULY 30

All are encouraged to join as we center the experiences of Black community members for...



WALLA WALLA

JUNE 19TH
Noon-5pm
Heritage Park

Looking for...
Volunteers,
Musicians, Poets,
and more.

Live Music
Fun People
Great Time

Check Our Website

Want to be involved?



**The Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
wants to hear from you!**

WADDC

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Year State Plan Survey

2027-2031



We're Listening: Share Your Vision for a Better Future

Survey Open January 21, 2025 - July 21, 2025

Share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about the challenges and barriers faced by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families in Washington State.

[More Info Here](#)



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