



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**



April 2025 Newsletter

Autism Awareness Month

P2P Family Story: Auggie & Avery



"Hi, My name is Geneva Arevalo and my husband Daniel and I grew up in Walla Walla and are now raising our three kids here. Our sons Auggie (aged 16) and Avery (aged 14) have Autism. They were both diagnosed by the age of 3. They attend Walla Walla High School, Auggie in the RISE classroom, Avery in the REACH classroom." [Read More](#)

P2P Family Story: Malcolm & Indigo



"My name is Laura Bryant and I grew up in Walla Walla. Two years ago I left my teaching job on Bainbridge Island to return to Walla Walla to care for my parents. My daughter, her husband and children decided to move too. They were concerned about their middle son as he seemed to be developmentally delayed." [Read More](#)

Note From Parent to Parent

In these times of uncertainty, with potential budget cuts affecting critical programs for our loved ones, it is important to remain hopeful and resilient. As parents, guardians, and agencies that serve people with disabilities, we are constantly advocating for those we raise or support. This can be frustrating, but if there's one thing we've learned, it's that we are resilient. I believe our children have taught us how to be resilient. They are incredibly strong, and when things seem bleak, a smile, a word, or a new milestone from them can bring us renewed hope.

The Parent to Parent program will continue to provide information, resources, trainings, workshops, and family-friendly events to help everyone learn and grow. We are here for one another — to lean on, to cheer for, and to stand alongside in advocacy.

Our newsletter and website strive to keep you up to date on important information and events. To stay informed about legislative developments, you can sign up for the ARC of Washington's action alerts. Please check out our calendar of events, as we have a full month of activities and meetings planned for all ages.

Ysabel and I are also available for one-on-one meetings with you — we are just a phone call away.

Sincerely,

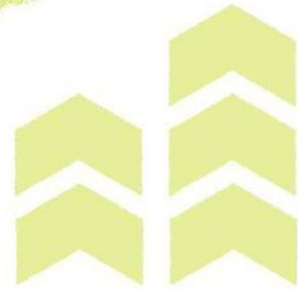
Angie and Ysabel

Mod Pizza Autism Awareness

Wednesday, April 2 - ALL DAY EVENT



FUNDRAISING



RAISE SOME DOUGH

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support this great work!

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME:

WALLA WALLA VALLEY DISABILITY NETWORK

FUNDRAISER DATE:

APRIL 2, 2025

ADDRESS:

1658 W POPLAR ST, SUITE 101

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

FUNDRAISER CODE:

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Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by GroupRaise. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only nonprofit organizations and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

[More Info Here](#)

Do I sign up for Challenger Baseball or Adult Co-Ed Softball (Team "Dynamic Devils")?

Ages 5 to 16, sign up for [Challenger Baseball](#) (Registration Deadline April 4)

Ages 16 to 21, your choice of Challenger Baseball or "Dynamic Devils" Adult Co-Ed Softball

Ages 22+, sign up for ["Dynamic Devils" Adult Co-Ed Softball](#)

Saturday, April 26 at 1:00 pm



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

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ABILITY WALK & ROLL

There's a few more days before the deadline (April 7) for individuals and/or businesses to sponsor this event. We have several levels of sponsorship, so if you or someone you know wants to help us celebrate friends, family, and community members with disabilities please sign up to become a sponsor.

Become a Sponsor for the Ability Walk & Roll

Registration to attend the 2025 Ability Walk and Roll is OPEN!

"Walkamoly" grupo de caminata

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. Monday through Friday. 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, April 7 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 Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm



EASTER POTLUCK & EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12th | 12:00 - 2:00 pm

CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
1150 W CHESTNUT ST, WALLA WALLA
CAFETERIA & GYM

PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
CRAFT + GAMES

**PLEASE BRING A BASKET TO COLLECT
EASTER EGGS**

• If your last name begins with:

A-H - bring a main dish

I-Q - bring a side dish

R-Z - bring a dessert

RSVP at wwvdcn.org by April 10



[More Info Here](#)

P2P Monthly Meeting With DDA

Wednesday, April 16 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Monthly Meeting With DDA



Wednesday, April 16 from 11:30am - 1:00pm

Bring your lunch and questions for Kristina Rasmussen with DDA at the WWVDN office.

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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](#)

P2P No Host Dinner

Wednesday, April 16 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



**April 16th
at 6:00 pm**

P2P NO HOST DINNER

**Las Chiquillas Mexican Restaurant
428 Ash St, Walla Walla**

See old friends and make new ones

RSVP at wwvdn.org

[More Info Here](#)

P2P Columbia County Easter Potluck & Crafts

Friday, April 18 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR

Easter potluck and Easter crafts

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

5:30 PM

DELANEY BUILDING

DAYTON

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

kindly rsvp to Angie
509-540-9880

More Info Here

P2P Guardianship Workshop

Tuesday, April 29 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Guardianship WORKSHOP



TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

**With Veaney Martinez, BSW, LLT, CRP
Pro Bono Legal Services Director**

Learn about guardianships and the paperwork
needed to get the process started.

This is a hands-on workshop.

Childcare provided

RSVP at www.vdn.org

More Info Here



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

Open for registration:

Saturday, April 5 - Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 12 - Spring Fling Scavenger Hunt & Movie

Saturday, April 19 - Bowling & Arcade Afternoon

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

[Visit the SOAR Events Page](#)

Community News & Activities

BMAC: Food Bank

March & April
2025

March 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 St. Frances Cabrini
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Valle Lindo	11 Prescott	12 Burbank Touchet	13	14	15
16	17	18 Prescott	19	20 SENIORS	21	22
23	24	25	26 Burbank Touchet	27 Walla Walla 4-6 PM	28	29
30	31					

BMAC Mobile Distributions

Valle Lindo
2nd Monday
5:30pm-7:30pm
#133 Farmland Rd

Prescott
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
10am-11am
106 E 2nd st.

***Burbank & Touchet**
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Burbank: 44 N 4th st 9am-11am
Touchet: 795 McKay road 1pm-2pm

Senior Distribution
3rd Thursday
1:00-3:00
921 W Cherry St.
Only for registered clients

****Walla Walla**
4th Thursday
921 W Cherry St.

****REMINDER**



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27	28	29	30			

Summer and Winter hours

☐ April-October~ 5-7PM
November-March~ 4-6PM

Need money for groceries?

Basic Food, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, helps people buy groceries. Eligible households receive an electronic benefits (EBT) card with monthly benefits to buy food at participating grocery stores and farmers markets. You can apply: Over the phone by calling the Hotline at: **1-800-322-2588** Or online at: www.washingtonconnection.org

Food Bank staff can also help begin your application! Give us a call!



Walla Walla Pantries

St Frances Cabrini	Walla Walla Salvation Army
302 W Main Wed/Fri 9:30-11:45 1st Sat of the month 9:30-11:30 Drive Through	825 W Alder Mon-Wed 9-3PM (Closed 12-1PM) Thursday 9-5PM (Closed 12-1PM)
Akin (Formerly known as Children's Home Society) 1612 Penny Lane 509.529.2130 By appointment only	

Want a reminder and sneak peak of the boxes coming your way?

Text the applicable Keyword (**no spaces**) to 833.753.0944 to receive reminders about distributions in those locations.

For reminders for our Burbank and Touchet distributions text **BMACWEST**

For reminders for our Walla Walla Distributions text **BMACFOOD**

For reminders for our Prescott Distributions text **BMACEAST**

For reminders for our Registered Clients Senior Distributions text **SENIORFOOD**

For reminders for our Valle Lindo Distribution text **BMACVL**

Have questions about Food Bank services? Call 509-529-3561

No client will be discriminated against because of race, religion, color, gender, pregnancy, age (including those over 40), national origin (including ancestry), ethnicity, disability (as defined in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act), marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal or state law.

Sharing: Inclusive Schools Workshop Series for Educators and Families

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We are excited to share this free, virtual workshop series for families and educators from the Arc of King County, one of our partners in the Inclusionary Practices Technical Assistance Network.

They will offer three sessions on:

- Understanding Disability.
- Insights on Supporting Families.
- Navigating Schools.

All classes are free and will be hosted online. You can watch them live, or later. For more information click on the “More Info Here” button below.

[More Info Here](#)

Gesa Power House Theatre

— Gesa — POWER HOUSE THEATRE



Assistive Listening Equipment: Gesa Power House Theatre is proud to provide an assistive listening system with equipment and technology to enhance the theater experience for patrons with hearing loss or impairments. This equipment is now available to all theater patrons, with no fee, and is part of the theater's efforts to improve accessibility at the theater.

Sensory Tools: Patrons can check out a complimentary KultureCity Sensory Bag from the Box Office or table in the lobby area prior to shows at the theater. This bag includes sensory tools such as noise-canceling headphones, a communication cue card, VIP lanyard, and various fidget items. Additionally, weighted lap pads are also available to check out at no charge.

[More Info Here](#)

Echo Autism Communities Symposium

Thursday, April 3 from 6:00 am to 1:30 pm



Be a Part of Something Bigger: *ECHO Autism Communities Symposium*

The **2025 ECHO Autism Communities Symposium** is more than just an event—it's a movement to reshape autism care, improve access, and empower voices within the autism community.

This **free, virtual, all-day symposium** is your chance to connect with experts, advocates, and professionals from around the world, all dedicated to making a lasting difference.

[More Info Here](#)

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

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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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