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**Disability
Network**

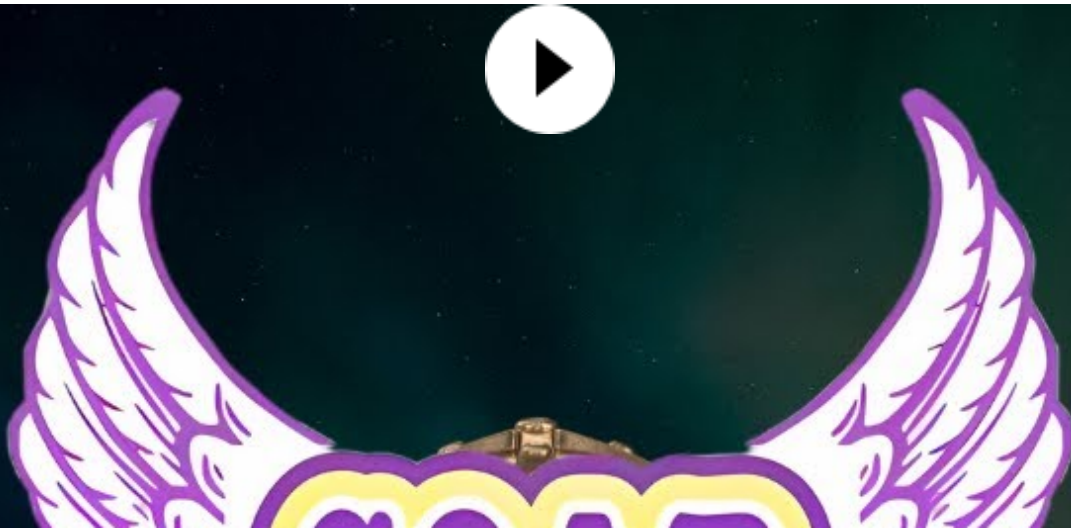


November 2025 Newsletter

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: SOAR Viking Market





VIKING MARKET

When SOAR participants arrived at the Dragons Gate Brewery Viking Market, they had no idea they were about to be catapulted into the past, a world filled with fierce warriors, skilled tradesmen, and daring seafarers. The moment we stepped through the gates, it felt like being transported straight into the world of *How to Train Your Dragon*, where history and imagination collided in the most incredible way. [Read More](#)

P2P Family Story: Felicity



"Sometimes in life things happen in a way that we least expect it. Plans don't turn out the way we had hoped, people let us down, we lose someone we loved, or we are faced with challenges so trying that we fear they might break us. As the parent of a 21 year old adult with disabilities I have been in the trenches of some of the most difficult challenges I have ever had to face." [Read More](#)

Note From Parent to Parent

As the leaves fall and the air turns crisp, we're reminded how much we have to be thankful for, especially this incredible community of families, volunteers, and partners who make Parent to Parent what it is.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to support us at MOD Pizza last month. Your participation helps us continue to offer connection, resources, and encouragement to families in our area. We also had such a wonderful time at our Harvest Party and Chili Cook-Off! Seeing families come together to share laughter, chili, and fall fun truly warmed our hearts.

As we move into November and the holidays, we hope you take time to slow down, enjoy cozy moments, and celebrate the little things that bring joy. We are looking forward to the coming months filled with connection, support and new opportunities to gather. Thank you for walking this journey with us. From us at Parent to Parent, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Papas y Mamas Especiales: Dia De Muertos

Monday, Nov 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Let's celebrate

DAY OF THE DEAD

SPECIAL DADS AND MOMS

THIS MONTH, DIFFERENT DISABILITIES ARE CELEBRATED
NATIONWIDE.



PLEASE CALL 5093010679 WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE
PARKING LOT TO OPEN DOORS FOR YOU.

11.03.25

5:30 - 7:30 PM

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CENTER

1150 W. CHESTNUT, WALLA WALLA

CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION AT 509-301-0679

[More Info Here](#)

Connect & Play: Cookie Decorating & Crafts

Tuesday, Nov 11 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm



Connect & Play

While parents relax, recharge, and learn about Assistive Technology, kids will be getting into the holiday spirit with cookie decorating and festive crafts. It's the perfect midweek pick-me-up after a long day. Come and enjoy good company, sweet treats, and a fun way to connect with others who understand the journey.

[More Info Here](#)

P2P No Host Dinner at Las Chiquillas

Wednesday, Nov 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

NO HOST DINNER AT LAS CHIQUILLAS



Join us for a delicious meal
while you reconnect with old
friends and meet new ones.



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 PM.**

428 Ash St, Walla Walla

RSVP at www.vdn.org

[More Info Here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Opportunities Available:

Thursday, Nov 6 - SOAR: Karaoke Chaperone & Cheerleader

Fridays, Nov 7, 14, & 21 - SOAR: Challenger Basketball Buddy

Tuesday, Nov 11 - Connect & Play: Cookie Crew

Saturday, Nov 22 - SOAR: Friendsgiving Sous Chef & Celebration Crew

Saturday, Dec 6 - SOAR: Holiday Parade of Lights (Support Crew)

Wednesday, Dec 10 - SOAR: Deck the Houses Creative Companion

Friday, Dec 19 - WWVDN: Breakfast With Santa (Decoration Crew)

Saturday, Dec 20 - WWVDN: Breakfast With Santa (Santa's Elves)

Tuesday, Dec 30 - SOAR: New Year's Rockin' Eve Eve (Helping Hands)

[**More Info Here**](#)



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

Open for registration:

Tuesday, Nov 4 - Whitman Buddy Program

Thursday, Nov 6 - Karaoke Night

Tuesday, Nov 11 - Liberty Theater: A Christmas Carol

Saturday, Nov 22 - 4th Annual Friendsgiving

Wednesday, Nov 26 - Movie Night (Zootopia 2)

Saturday, Dec 6 - Holiday Parade of Lights

Tuesday, Dec 9 - Whitman Buddy Program: Buddy Ball

Wednesday, Dec 10 - Deck the Houses

Tuesday, Dec 30 - New Year's Rockin' Eve Eve

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

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

[**Become a SOAR Investor**](#)

Community Bulletin

DVR Order of Selection Changes Coming

Thursday, Nov 11 at 10:30 am - Information Session



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 2025 Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2025

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**DVR Order of Selection Information Session will be held from
10:30-11:30am**

For further details about our agenda, please go to our website

<https://www.wsrcwa.org/meetings>

This meeting will be held via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dshs-telehealth.zoom.us/j/81449822817?pwd=0exIGjjivJuk0lUQPHXfV7Fnkq4l99.1>

Meeting ID: 814 4982 2817

Passcode: 089689

One tap mobile: 253-215-8782

Video Announcement with American Sign Language

Connect with your elected representatives

Whether you live in Oregon or Washington State, no matter what city you call home, you can find out who represents you at the local, state, and federal level through the link below.

[More Info Here](#)

Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

Join the Walla Walla–Columbia County Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)

The Walla Walla–Columbia County Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC) is currently seeking new members who are passionate about accessibility, inclusion, and advocating for a more equitable community for people of all abilities.

The ACAC is a volunteer-based committee that works in partnership with local government, organizations, and community members to identify and remove barriers to access for individuals with disabilities.

There are currently **three (3) seats available for Columbia County residents**. We're looking for those with lived experience with disability, caregivers, service providers, educators, students, business owners, and allies. If you care about building a more inclusive Walla Walla and Columbia County, your voice matters and your input is needed.

[More Info Here](#)

Region 1 Community Engagement Forum

Wednesday, Nov 5 at 4:00 pm

Your regional
DDCS office
wants to hear
from you!



Want to help improve the quality,
effectiveness, and relevance
of Developmental Disability
Community Services in your area?

DDCS is launching Regional Community
Engagement Forums. This is your chance
to share suggestions about service
delivery and processes with regional
DDCS staff, and give your input on
changes being considered. You can
improve the program for people who
use DDCS services as well as for all the
families that support them!

What will the Regional
Community Engagement Forums
look like?

Each region will establish a date for their
Community Engagement Forums to
occur quarterly. Meetings will be virtual
to make participation throughout the
region easier. They will include time for
DDCS to ask for feedback and input from
the community and for the community
to raise concerns and offer suggestions.

Region 1 will hold a
Community Engagement
Forum **at 4p.m. on
Wednesday, Nov. 5,
2025.**

Please join the Teams call using the link below:
Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 257629130 563 6

Passcode: y3sV9xt3

Dial in by phone

[+1564-999-2000,,118864365#](#) United States,

Olympia [Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 118 864 365#



Night to Shine

Friday, Feb 13 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Help
Night to
ShineTM
TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

**February 13
2026**

5:00-8:00 pm

Trinity

595 Abbott Rd, WW



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