



August 2026 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.

**Donate to
Support WWVDN
Programs**

Please Note: Due to summer construction at the Center for Children & Families, the location and times of all WWVDN program activities may change throughout the summer.

After you register for an activity, please watch for reminder text messages. These messages will come from (209) 233-6431 and are not spam. We will use text messages to provide the most up-to-date information about the date, time, and location of each event.

Spotlight: SOAR Oregon Trail Game



"On Sunday, June 14, 2026 SOAR visited Fort Walla Walla Museum for their annual Ice Cream Social & Oregon Trail Game. Participants were tasked with completing multiple activities simulating what life was like for those who travelled along the Oregon Trail in the mid 1800's." [Read More](#)

Note From Parent to Parent

As we enjoy these last few weeks of summer, we hope you've had time to slow down, make memories, and enjoy the little moments together. Our hearts are with all those affected by the wildfires and smoky conditions across our state. We know the heat and poor air quality can make this time of year especially challenging, so we hope you're finding ways to stay cool and take care of yourselves.

One of the highlights of our summer was Camp Primetime! Watching families laugh together, build friendships, and simply enjoy being surrounded by people who understand reminded us why Parent to Parent is so special. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made camp such a wonderful experience.

Many of you may have heard that Parent to Parent programs across Washington are facing funding challenges. While there are still many unknowns, one thing remains certain—we are incredibly grateful for this amazing community and remain committed to supporting families every way we can.

As we begin looking ahead to fall, we're excited for opportunities to reconnect, including our Back to School Night on September 23, where families can learn about IEPs, parents' rights, and ways to advocate for their children. We also have more fun Parent to Parent gatherings and

family events planned throughout the season, and we can't wait to see you there.

Thank you for being part of our Parent to Parent family. Your strength, kindness, and willingness to support one another are what make this community so special. We look forward to making many more memories together this fall!

Sincerely, Geneva (P2P Coordinator)

Camp Discover 2026

Monday, Aug 3 thru Friday, Aug 7 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm daily



Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 2

Join us for a fun-filled summer day camp for ages 8-21 designed for creativity, connection, and play! Campers will enjoy a variety of arts and crafts, hands-on activities, engaging games, outdoor play, and a calming corner for quiet time and relaxation. Each day offers a balance of movement, imagination, and meaningful social interaction in a safe and inclusive environment. Make sure to bring a lunch.

Cost is \$50 (limited Scholarships Available) and we are only accepting 25 participants so register as soon as possible.

Lets Go Discover

WWVDN Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social



WWVDN ANNUAL MEETING

& ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

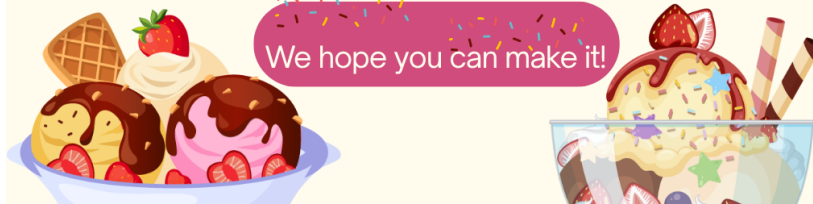
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

College Place Lions Park

Join us for an old-fashioned ice cream social. Connect with old friends and new. Meet the WWVDN Board of Directors and new staff, and say goodbye to SOAR Director Tash.

Enjoy the fenced accessible playground and the neighboring splash pad.

RSVP at www.vdn.org on the Calendar of Events



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[More Info Here](#)

2026 Annual Survey / Encuesta Anual 2026

August 17 Deadline / Fecha límite: 17 de agosto



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Disability Network

Your input is **extremely** important to us. You help determine where we direct our time, effort, and resources for the next year.

Please share your input by filling out an anonymous 16-question (less than 5 minutes) survey - select the blue button below.

Sus comentarios son **extremadamente** importantes. Ud. nos ayuda a determinar a donde dirigiremos nuestros esfuerzos, tiempo y recursos para el proximo año.

Por favor denos sus opiniones llenando este cuestionario anonimamente le llevara menos de 5 minutos. Para ir a la encuesta presione el boton verde.

Take the 2026 Annual Survey

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WWVDN Events

WWVDN AUGUST EVENTS OVERVIEW

August 2026



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**

No cost to attend. For more information
and to register for any event, visit
www.vdn.org Calendar of Events or use the
QR code pictured



For children, adolescents, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as their families, who may feel isolated, overwhelmed, and exhausted. We offer information and connection.

**For parents and caregivers of children
and adults with disabilities**



Parent to Parent in August

Mon, Aug 3, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Papás y Mamás Especiales: Las leyes de
discapacidades

Fri, Aug 7, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
P2P at Washington Park Splash Pad

Fri, Aug 21, at 6:00 pm
Columbia County BBQ

Sat, Aug 22, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Movies in the Park at College Place (Grease)

Parent-to-parent coordinators are available to provide one-on-one assistance with paperwork or to answer questions about disability services and support agencies.



Camp Discover:
For youth ages 8 - 21

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9:30 am - 1:30 pm Daily

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**WWVDN Annual
Meeting & Ice
Cream Social**

Tues, Aug 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us for an old-fashioned ice cream social with playground and splash pad fun as we recognize our WWVDN Board of Directors, welcome our newest WWVDN staff members, and thank Tash for her years as SOAR Director.

**For children, teens, and adults with
disabilities.**



**LIFT & RISE: For children with
disabilities aged 5 to 12**

Mon, Aug 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Playing at the Park

Mon, Aug 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Painting Party

Mon, Aug 24, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Movie Monday

Mon, Aug 31, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Mission (Almost) Impossible

We are combining LIFT & RISE into one group in order to facilitate friendships, offer activities for children 5-12 more frequently, and provide more opportunities to practice social skills and learn through play.



**SOAR: For adolescents and adults
with disabilities aged 13 and over**

Sat, Aug 8, 7:30 - 9:30pm
Movie Night (The SpongeBob Movie: Search
for SquarePants)

Fri, Aug 14, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Game Time!

Thurs, Aug 20, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Farmers Market & Car Show

Thurs, Aug 27, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
Chef for a Night!

**REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER
EVENTS NOW AVAILABLE**

For more information on all of these events and to RSVP, please visit the Calendar of Events (button below)

[Calendar of Events](#)

WWVDN Social & Recreation

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Introducing our new Facebook page for social and recreational activities. Follow to learn about new activities for children, teens, and adults with disabilities.

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2026 Summer Activities



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Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Monday, Aug 3 thru Friday, Aug 7 - Youth Summer Camp Buddy (Youth Volunteer)

Monday, Aug 3 thru Friday, Aug 7 - Youth Summer Camp Buddy (Adult Volunteer)

Saturday, Aug 8 - SOAR: Movie Night Chaperone at Lions Park

Thursday, Aug 20 - SOAR: Farmers Market and Car Show Companion

[Sign Up & More Info Here](#)

Community Offerings

Gesa Power House Theatre

Friday, July 31, Aug 7, 14, & 21 at 1:00 pm

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POWER HOUSE THEATRE



LITTLE WATTS

Family-Friendly Throwback
Summer Film Series

JULY 31 AT 1PM

AUG 7, AUG 14 & AUG 21 AT 1PM

Visit phtww.org to purchase
tickets or scan here!



Gesa Powerhouse Theater will have KultureCity sensory bags with equipment including anti-strobe glasses, weighted lap pads, and fidget toys available at all of these events. The Friday, August 14th event is specially presented as a sensory-friendly film screening with lights dim but not dark, reduced auditorium sound, and the audience is free to get up as needed.

[More Info Here](#)

Extra Grace: Praise & Worship Service

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Next Meeting: August 16

Extra Grace Praise & Worship Service

Designed with sensory sensitivity in mind, this service offers a peaceful, welcoming environment for children, teens & their families

Questions or details?
Contact

Pastor Mikki Jones: 509-876-1397.

Want to see the space ahead of time?
Call to arrange a personal tour.

Schedule

- Gentle music
- Soft, calming lights
- Bring any comfort items your family needs
- Engaging, interactive gospel message
- Headphones and fidgets available
- Freedom to move, worship, & use flags
- Simple crafts & thoughtful gifts

**Come where you are welcomed,
valued, and truly celebrated.**

3:00PM - 3:15PM	Worship
3:15PM - 3:25PM	Interactive Message
3:25PM - 3:45PM	Craft
3:45PM - 3:50PM	Closing Song
3:50PM - 4:00PM	Visit

Grace Church
116 S. 3rd Ave.
Walla Walla, WA 99362

**No childcare provided.
This service is not a drop off program.**

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- [Introduction to Autism Video Series](#)
- [BMAC Housing Application Clinic](#) - Every Wednesday 10:00 am
- [Developmental Disabilities Administrative Appeal Project](#)
- [Food Pantry Resources](#)
- [WA Developmental Disabilities Council History & Visioning Project](#)
- [Walla Walla Food Resources](#)



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