



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**



January 2025 Newsletter

Spotlight On: SOAR 2024





**Social Opportunities
And Recreation**

Note From Parent to Parent

As 2024 comes to a close and the year 2025 is right around the corner, I can't help but reflect on this past year and the connections we've made throughout it. The Disability Network has made new connections with partners in our community, and we continue to build on the connections we've already formed. I appreciate our counterparts who serve families and are working to make our community a better place for all who live in the valley.

I would also like to reflect on the personal connections made with individuals and families that have come through our doors - whether it was just one phone call or sharing dinners and family triumphs or frustrations. I have seen strong parents advocating for their children, and have seen gaps in services where it seemed like there was really nothing to offer beyond listening and offering a short term solution. I am grateful for each person that has crossed my path in the past year and the opportunity I have to serve our community through the Disability Network.

As I look toward 2025, I will work to make sure anyone who comes to us whether it be through a phone call, email, text or in person, feels heard, accepted, and knows they have an ally in us. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals and their families by empowering and connecting families, offering inclusive environments, educating the community, and raising disability awareness. We highlight that people with disabilities have much to offer our community.

Sincerely,

Angie and Ysabel (Parent-to-Parent Coordinators)

Spotlight On: Breakfast With Santa



Parent to Parent and SOAR hosted our first Breakfast with Santa on December 14th at Blue Mountain Community Church. We are so blessed to have a partnership with the church as they have such a great space to rent with a huge kitchen. The space looked like a winter wonderland with Christmas themed blow ups, photo couch with a tree and many decorations to make it cozy.

[Read More](#)

Papás y Mamás Especiales

Monday, Jan 6 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm



Papas y Mamas Especiales!

Boards in Spanish

For parents with children with disabilities and/or special needs

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

January 6: Starting the Year 2025 - Planning: What you want to have at these meetings; Rosca de Reyes

February 3: How to use the internet: Search our WWVDN page and register for events; Tamaliza

March 3: Down Syndrome and Autism; Sandwiches

Children and Families Center

1150 W. Chestnut

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

If you want to participate call me at (509) 301-0679

This is an opportunity to network with other families who may be able to support you by sharing their experiences; we will discuss community resources such as DDA, SSI; IEP/504 programs at school; Self-Care and Empowerment. etc. We will accompany you on this journey called Life.

You Are Not Alone!

[More Info Here](#)

P2P Monthly Meeting With DDA

Wednesday, Jan 8 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

MONTHLY MEETING WITH DDA



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025



11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Bring your lunch and
questions for Kristina
Rasmussen with DDA

at the WWVDN office
1150 W. Chestnut
call Angie at 509-255-3727 for
questions or more information



[More Info Here](#)

Kids Playgroup at Evergreen Play Club

Tuesday, Jan 14 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm



Kids playgroup

AT THE

Evergreen Play Club

502 N Wilbur St.

Tuesday, January 14th

4:00-5:30 PM

Evergreen Play club is an indoor play area with the vision to cultivate a haven where community thrives.

Beyond physical structures, they aim to build bridges between families during the early stage of a child's life. It's a place where neighbors become friends, where laughter echoes through the air, and where the warmth of human connection is palpable.



PLEASE RSVP AT
WWVDN.ORG
Free admission

[More Info Here](#)

P2P Columbia County Potluck & Bingo

Friday, Jan 17 at 5:30 pm



Columbia County Potluck and Bingo

**DELANEY BUILDING, 111 S. 3RD ST.
DAYTON WA**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH
5:30 PM**

**PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE
P2P WILL PROVIDE PAPER PRODUCTS AND WATER**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER IF
YOU ARE NEW OR CATCH UP FOR THOSE THAT HAVE ATTENDED
IN THE PAST.

A FUN BINGO GAME WILL BE PLAYED WITH PRIZES TO WIN

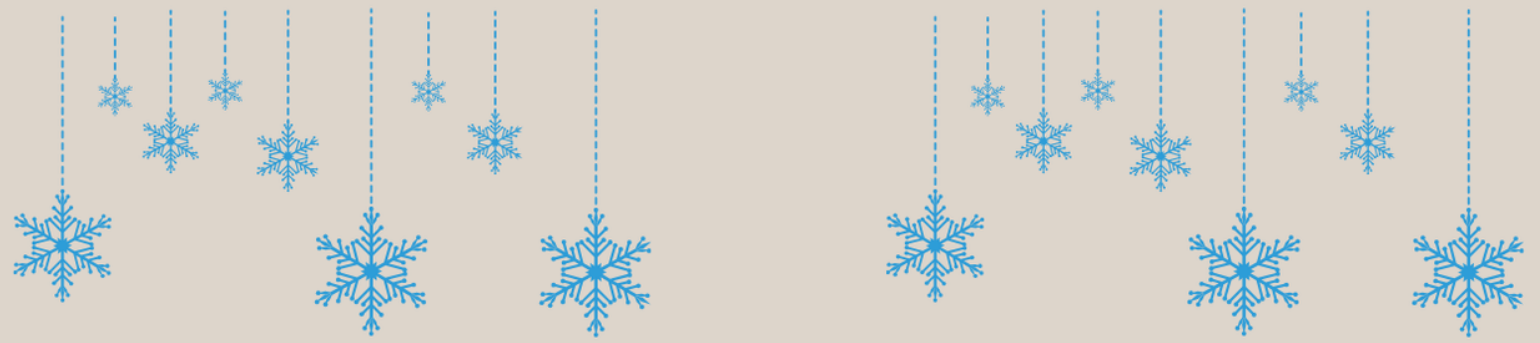
FOR QUESTIONS OR TO RSVP: ANGIE AT 509-540-9880

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P2P Caregiver No-Host Dinner

Tuesday, Jan 21 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



**Please Join Us
for our Caregiver No-Host
Dinner**

Date	Time
Jan 21st	6:00 PM

**China Buffet
1618 Plaza Way**

**RSVP at wwvdn.org
Some scholarship provided with
prior notice**





[More Info Here](#)



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

Open for registration:

Sunday, Jan 12 - Bowling

Thursday, Jan 23 - Karaoke Night

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

[Visit the SOAR Events Page](#)

We Want To Share Your Story

We would like to encourage our families to submit brief stories of how P2P, SOAR, and WWVDN have affected their lives. Grantors, donors, elected officials, legislators, and many others are interested in hearing our stories and we believe its time we start sharing them.

[Share Your Story](#)

Community News & Activities

Special Olympics Basketball

Starting Friday, Jan 3 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL



*Special
Olympics*

COME AND JOIN

Starting January 3rd (Every Friday)

Practice Time: 7pm-8pm

Location: WWCC Student Rec Center

Address: 500 Tausick Way Walla Walla WA.

info and registration: <https://portals.specialolympics.org/>

Be a part of something bigger and discover the joy of sports and inclusion by participating in

[More Info Here](#)

Celebrating 10 Years of ABLE



Washington State
Department of
Commerce

Share your WA ABLE Story

Learn more at
bit.ly/ablesurvey24



Washington State
ABLE SAVINGS PLAN

As we begin to wrap up 2024, we want to thank you for being a part of the Washington State ABLE Savings Plan journey. Thank you for placing your trust in us. Together, we are building opportunities for you and your loved ones to achieve your financial goals and dreams.

This year, we hope you have a lot to look back on and be grateful for. Financial stability plays a huge role in your quality of life. Our team hopes WA ABLE has empowered you to live with more security and inspired you to dream for tomorrow!

Share your story. We would love to hear more about your WA ABLE story through a short survey! You will also have the opportunity to share your story on video and receive a \$200 stipend!* Learn more at <https://bit.ly/ablesurvey24>.

Our story survey **closes January 31, 2025.**

Even though you will continue your WA ABLE story well into 2025 and beyond, our survey will close on January 31, 2025. Please take some time to reflect and share your story with us before then. We will also send you another reminder before the end of the year.

Enjoy the holidays with friends and family!

Warmly,

The Washington State ABLE Savings Plan Team



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