

# May 2022 Newsletter



## Is There Pain?

By Becky Gibson

I held back her hair as the doctor was suctioning behind her ear, asking over and over again, "Are you in pain? Does it hurt?" I watched her face turn red before she finally admitted it hurt.

Less than a week later, she was having surgery on her inner ear. They suctioned fat from her abdomen to fill the cavity. The only

thing she asked, "Will my throat hurt?" [Read More](#)

For more family stories, visit our [Parent to Parent Family Stories](#) page

## A Note from Parent to Parent

Spring is in the air.....or is it winter? What a crazy April of weather, but May is upon us and outdoor sports is in full swing with Challenger Baseball on Fridays and Dynamic Devils softball on Tuesdays. Our network cannot do all these fun activities without the help and support of parents and volunteers. I am overwhelmed with joy at the amount of volunteers from DeSales Middle and High School that have come out to volunteer with our kiddos at baseball. It is so much fun to see these mentors cheer on the players and help them run the bases. Parents are able to sit and watch and not worry about their player out on the field. This is just one example of volunteer efforts making our programs wonderful. We look forward to having a celebration in June for all

the volunteers. We cannot do this without you and I say a heartfelt Thank You to all who volunteer.

Sincerely,  
Angie and Ysabel



## MOM'S DAY OUT SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Mothers work hard every day and special needs moms work even harder to keep up with all the demands. Parent to Parent and WWVDN would like to spend an evening to honor you and give you a chance to relax. Please join us for this fun evening of food and painting.

### **4:00 pm Dinner at Chiquillas Mexican House**

428 Ash St. Walla Walla  
Appetizers will be provided  
Drinks are on your own



### **6:00 PM Brushes and Brix Paint and Sip Night**

Cost is \$15.00 (P2P and WWVDN will pay the other half of the cost)

Please RSVP on our website at [wwvdn.org](http://wwvdn.org) no later than May 5<sup>th</sup>.

If a full scholarship for painting is needed, please call Angie Witt at 509-540-9880

This is a time for just moms so please find a sitter for your children. Contact me if you need help.



## **Register by May 5 for Mom's Day Out**

**\$15 Fee for Brushes & Brix**

**RSVP for Mom's Day Out**

**FREE Special Performance of  
WaHi's Spring Musical  
*Cinderella*.**

**Tuesday, May 10**

Show begins at 4:30 pm

Walla Walla High School  
Auditorium



**More Information & RSVP for  
Cinderella**

## **Better Together at Green Park**

### **Elementary**

May 17, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Pizza & childcare provided.

For parents/caregivers of students in special  
education at Green Park Elementary School.

**Information & Registration**

## **Regional Public Transportation "in- person" Open House for Users with Disabilities**

May 19, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

YMCA Multipurpose Room (340 S. Park, Walla Walla)

Alongside virtual meetings, the regional transportation committee is looking to meet with this particular demographic to ensure that feedback is gathered on transit use by individuals with disabilities. Bring ideas and identify barriers that would help make public transportation more accessible for individuals with both physical and intellectual/developmental disabilities. If you are unable to attend this "in-person" open house, you are welcome to attend one of the virtual meetings. Both in-person and virtual attendees are asked to complete the survey attached.



## Monthly Activities & Events

### Mamas Especiales

- Weekday Walks at Murr Park - 7:45 am
- Meeting at Center for Children & Families - May 24 at 6:00 pm

### Columbia County P2P Group

- May 27 at 5:30 pm

### Parent to Parent Meetings

- May 18 - No Host Dinner at Shari's - 6:00 pm
- May 26 - Autism Family Picnic - 5:30 pm

[See Calendar of Events](#)

## Free Cooking & Craft Kits at Valley Residential Services

Pick up a cooking or craft kit each Wednesday, take it home and complete it. Join the VRS Cooking & Craft Facebook page for more information or call their office (509.522.0400). Please RSVP to VRS if you are new to this program so they can make enough kits for pick up.

[VRS Cooking & Crafts Facebook Page](#)

## [Survey Opportunities](#)

## **Access to Behavioral Health Services - Child, Youth, or Family Member (closes May 16)**

## **Access to Behavioral Health Services - Service Providers (closes May 16)**

If you are a young person who has received mental health/substance use services; a parent or family member of a child or youth who has received services; or someone who refers children, young people and families to services, we'd like to hear from you.

**Surveys**

## **Two-Part Choking Video Series and Updated Choking Care Provider Bulletin**

Do you know the top causes of choking and how to respond if it happens to someone you care for?

**Learn More**

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