



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**



March 2025 Newsletter

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P2P Family Story: My Name is Olivia



"My name is Olivia, I am Alejandro's mother and this is my story. Alejandro was born on September 13, which in Mexico commemorates the Niños Héroes, young soldiers who gave their lives for the country. We always make the comment that Alejandro is my little hero." [Read More](#)

P2P Family Story: Clyde



"Clyde was diagnosed with Autism when he was 3 years old. Since his diagnosis, he has received both private speech therapy and speech therapy through school and private occupational therapies. We have tried many times since he was a toddler to find a decent outreach program where he could interact with others with the hope of developing friendships without much success. We counted down the days until his 13th birthday so he could start attending the SOAR events." [Read More](#)

Note From Parent to Parent

Happy March!

I hope March will bring glorious sunshine and better weather. There is so much happening and changing so fast in our world that it is hard to keep up. I feel it locally and across the country. The legislative session is in progress right now and you have an opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns with our local legislators. It may seem sometimes that our voice doesn't matter, but your voice as a parent matters so much. You are living this life day to day, and those who are making the decisions that impact our families may not have any idea what we go through. One voice, one story may make a difference on how they vote on bills and laws.

Our local representatives and their emails are listed below. We are in the 16th district. The ARC of Washington has a bill tracker that they update often if you want to look on their website to learn more. Their website is arcwa.org.

Representative Skyler Rude, skyler.rude@leg.wa.gov, (360) 786-7828

Representative Mark Klicker, mark.klicker@leg.wa.gov, (360) 786-7836

Senator Perry Dozier, perry.dozier@leg.wa.gov, (360) 786-7630

On another note, please check out our website for fun events and meetings to attend in March.

Sincerely,

Angie and Ysabel

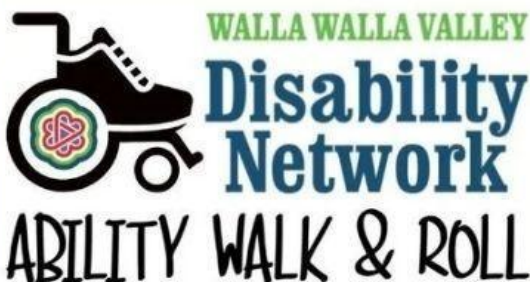
Ability Walk & Roll Poster Making Party

Sunday, March 2 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



Ability Walk & Roll Poster Making Party

Get ready for the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network's Annual Ability Walk & Roll! Every year we encourage individuals with disabilities and their families to create posters showcasing the individual being supported at the AWR. This year we are offering you the choice of either having your poster created by Whitman students or come in person and create your own - we provide the supplies!



Sunday
March 2nd
1 pm to 3 pm

Register at
wwvdn.org
Calendar of
Events

[More Info Here](#)

Save The Date: 2025 Ability Walk & Roll

Saturday, April 26 at 1:00 pm



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ABILITY WALK & ROLL

Save the date for our annual Ability Walk and Roll at College Place High School track. We are currently looking for individuals and/or businesses who would like to be sponsors for the event.

We have several levels of sponsorship, so if you want to support this event that celebrates friends, family, and community members with disabilities please visit our website and sign up to become a sponsor. We will open registration for participants later in March.

[Become a Sponsor](#)

Challenger Baseball 2025

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW



CHALLENGER BASEBALL



2025 Challenger Baseball Season Sponsored by:



77 Wainwright Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362

2025 SCHEDULE

Practices

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

- Practice #1 - April 11th
- Practice #2 - April 18th
- Practice #3 - April 25th
- Practice #4 - May 2nd

Games

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

GAME #1 - CHALLENGERS VS. FAMILY
MAY 9TH - 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

Families - YOUR UP TO BAT!
Come ready to play a game against your Challenger team players!

GAME #2 - CHALLENGERS VS. CUBS
MAY 16TH - 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

Final Game of the Season! The Challenger team will playoff against the WW Cubs!



2025 Challenger Baseball Season Sponsored by:



THINGS TO KNOW

Family Game on May 9th

During this game we invite parents/caregivers and siblings to join us on the field for a **fun** family friendly game. It will be team Challenger vs. team Family!

Photos: May 2nd

- Please make sure your player is wearing their team shirt and cap. We will do individual & team photos.

FINAL GAME

Our last game will be played on Field #1
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

This game is pure JOY to watch as your players face off against their peer mentors: The Cubs!

AFTER GAME

A potluck dinner will follow. Hot dogs will be provided by Pacific Little League. **See below for what you can bring (by last name):**

- A - F - Bring Chips
- G - Q Bring Drinks
- R - Z Bring a Side Dish

[More Info Here](#)

Papás y Mamás Especiales

Monday, March 3 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 & SOAR - WAITSBURG Shamrock Shenanigans & Spuds

Friday, March 7 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

YOU'RE INVITED TO Shamrock Shenanigans & Spuds

Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with a festive afternoon of fun! Enjoy themed crafts, exciting games, and a delicious baked potato bar with all the fixings. Listen to a read-aloud of *How to Catch a Leprechaun* by Adam Wallace, then get creative by building your own leprechaun trap and making a St. Patrick's Day sensory bottle. Don't miss out on this lucky day—**be sure to register** at wwvdn.org to join in the fun!



MARCH | 7th | AT 5 PM

Waitsburg Town Hall



[More Info Here](#)

Kids Playgroup at Evergreen Play Club

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



Kids playgroup

AT THE

Evergreen Play Club

502 N Wilbur St.

Tuesday, March 11th

4:00-5:30 PM

with special guest

Chloe Slotten, BCBA

Focused Behavior Solution
to meet with parents and
talk ABA therapy and share
tips and tricks

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.



**RSVP at WWVDN.org
Free Admission**

[More Info Here](#)

P2P Monthly Meeting With DDA

Wednesday, March 12 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

MONTHLY MEETING WITH DDA



Wednesday, March 12



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](#)

P2P Helping Parent Training

Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE **HELPING PARENT TRAINING**

MARCH 15, 2025

**10 AM TO 2 PM, LUNCH PROVIDED
AT THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES,
1150 W CHESTNUT ST, WALLA WALLA**

Parent to Parent volunteer Helping Parents are trained veteran parents who are matched with a family who has a child with the same or a similar diagnosis. The Helping Parent provides information and a listening ear to be supportive and encouraging.

This meeting is for current Helping Parents, those who want to become a Helping Parent, and those who are interested in the Helping Parent program. You will learn about what a Helping Parent does and does not do, resources in our area, and how to support new families.

You will also have an opportunity to create a Helping Parent profile on our website to better meet the needs of all parents and caregivers.

**RSVP to attend at
www.vdn.org**



[More Info Here](#)

P2P Down Syndrome Awareness Celebration

Friday, March 21 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS CELEBRATION

ALL ARE WELCOME

- SOCK HOP
- DANCING & GAMES



POTLUCK DINNER

A-H - BRING A DESSERT

I-Q - BRING A MAIN DISH

R-Z - BRING A SIDE DISH

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST

5:30 - 7:30 PM

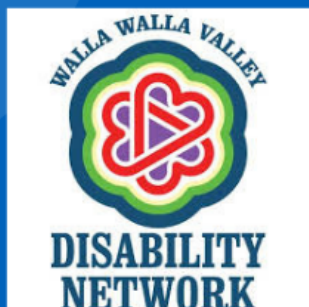
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1150 W CHESTNUT ST

WALLA WALLA

POTLUCK DINNER

RSVP AT WWVDN.ORG



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P2P Meeting: Wills & Trust

Wednesday, March 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

RSVP AT
WWVDN.ORG



MEETING

WILLS & TRUST WITH

JARED HAWKINS OF HAWKINS LAW


DO YOU WORRY ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE LOOKS LIKE FOR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER? WHO WILL LOOK AFTER THEM ONCE YOU NO LONGER CAN? COME AND LEARN ABOUT WILLS AND TRUSTS AND HOW THEY CAN HELP PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE.



Wednesday, March 26th

06:00 – 8:00 PM

CHILDCARE PROVIDED
IN PERSON OR ZOOM OPTION

 1150 W Chestnut St Walla Walla



[More Info Here](#)

SOAR Sweet Appreciation Soiree

Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Sweet Appreciation Soiree

Saturday, March 29 from 10am - 3pm

Join us for a heartfelt celebration as we express our gratitude at the Sweet Appreciation Soiree! Throughout the day, SOAR participants will be baking up delicious treats and preparing for a special afternoon of appreciation.

This event is a small way for us to give back and show just how much their generosity means to us. We look forward to sharing sweet treats, warm conversations, and a whole lot of appreciation!



[More Info Here](#)



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

Open for registration:

Friday, March 7 - WAITSBURG Shamrock Shenanigans & Spuds

Saturday, March 15 - Ninja Quest & Soothing Swim

Saturday, March 29 - Sweet Appreciation Soiree

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

[Visit the SOAR Events Page](#)

March Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Sunday, March 2 - SOAR Bingo Bash Volunteer

Friday, March 7 - SOAR Shamrock Helper

Tuesday, March 11 - P2P Playgroup Buddy

Saturday, March 15 - SOAR Ninja Training Assistant

Friday, March 21 - WWVDN Sock Hop (Setup Crew)

Friday, March 21 - WWVDN Sock Hop (Celebration Buddy)

Friday, March 21 - WWVDN Sock Hop (Cleanup Crew)

Wednesday, March 26 - P2P Childcare Attendant

Saturday, March 29 - SOAR Soiree Helper

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