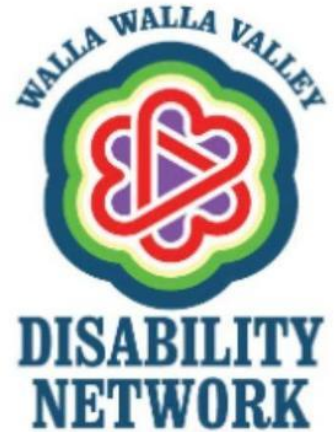


WWVDN 10-Year Anniversary - 2024



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## April 2024 News

*April is Autism Acceptance Month*

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**In honor of Autism Acceptance Month, please enjoy *Hannah Meets Her Hero***





## A Note From Parent to Parent...

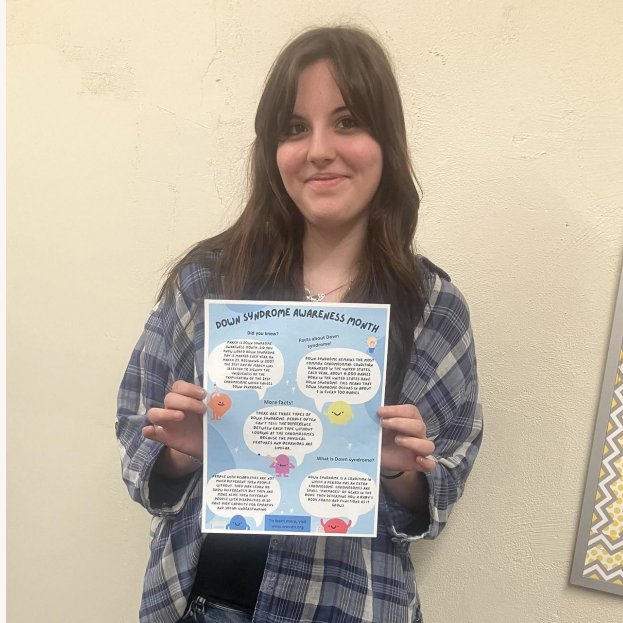
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We have been blessed the past couple of months with some pretty incredible volunteers. Our network is in constant motion with activities, events, trainings and support meetings. There are 5 staff members, all part time employees, and having extra help is essential in making programs work. Since January we have had volunteers assisting with basketball, bowling, SOAR events, workshops, trainings, calling parents, putting packets together, putting together posters for Down Syndrome Awareness and Autism Awareness, and caregiving during our meetings. We have room for any talent and ability in our network as a volunteer. If you are a people person and like to be around a crowd, we can use you in SOAR, at an outreach event, or any of our other events. If you are an introvert but want to help, we can use you in our office, setting up for different programs or creating flyers and posters. If you are out in our community and can deliver brochures and such, we can use you. We appreciate any and all help you can give. It truly is a gift to our staff and network. Please consider giving your time and talents to the Disability Network. It's easy to sign up through our website under the volunteer tab and all hours are counted toward community service hours for school, on resumes and college practicum hours. And I think you will find in giving you will also receive experiences, smiles, laughs and happiness.

Picture 1 is Lincoln High School Student Jade Piekos with her Down Syndrome Awareness flyer

Picture 2 is of Holly Harrison, Intern from WWU at the Kids Playgroup

Angie and Ysabel, Your Parent to Parent Coordinators



## Challenger Baseball (ages 5 - 21)

Register before midnight April 1 to guarantee a shirt



Registration closes Friday, April 5.

Games take place April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17

Registration is OPEN until April 5



# SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

## April events open for registration:

Thursday, Apr 4 - Book & Comic Night

Thursday, Apr 11 - Start Now & Job Bingo

Thursday, Apr 18 - Karaoke Night

Thursday, Apr 25 - Start Now Fieldtrip & MOD Pizza

[Visit the SOAR Events Page](#)

Check your inbox for a reminder email with dates, times, and locations after you register.

## April Kids Playgroup

Tuesday, April 9 at 4:00 pm



Join us at Wildwood Park. Let the kids burn off some energy on the fenced-in playground while parents & caregivers relax and enjoy the sun and friends. See you there!

[RSVP for April Kids Playgroup](#)

**Ten Ton Coffee in Waitsburg**  
**Saturday, April 13, 10am to noon**




## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

You are invited to come join the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network for a Coffee Meet & Greet.

Saturday, April 13th  
10 am - 12 pm  
Ten Ten Coffee  
216 Main St., Waitsburg

The first 10 cups of coffee on us (one per family). We will provide some fun coloring activities too!

### We are here to help fill your cup!



- Helping Parents Prepare their Young Adult for Future Employment & Independence
- Parent Support Meetings
- Emotional & Informational Support
- Assist Families in Navigating Government Services
- IEP Assistance
- Children's Play Group
- Youth & Adult Social and Recreational Activities
- Provide Information on Diagnoses & Referrals to Professionals




## CONEXIÓN COMUNITARIA

Está invitado a unirse a La Red de Discapacidades de Walla Walla Valley para una reunión de café.

Sábado 13 de abril  
10 am - 12 pm diez toneladas de café  
216 Main St., Waitsburg

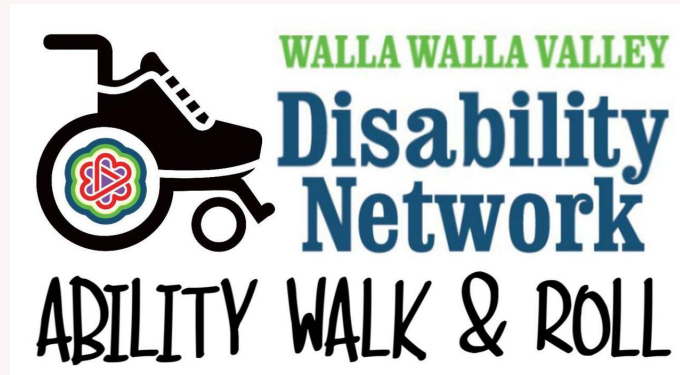
Los primeros 10 tazas de café las pagaremos nosotros (una por familia). ¡También proporcionaremos algunas actividades como colorear y otras actividades divertidas!

### ¡Estamos aquí para ayudar a llenar su taza!



- Ayudando a los padres a preparar a su joven adulto para futuros empleos e independencia
- Reuniones de apoyo para padres
- Apoyo emocional e informativo
- Ayudar a las familias a navegar por los servicios gubernamentales
- Asistencia de IEP
- Grupo de juegos infantiles
- Actividades sociales y recreativas para jóvenes y adultos
- Proporcionar información sobre diagnósticos y referencias a profesionales

# Ability Walk & Roll 2024



**Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 pm**

Join individuals with disabilities and those that love them as we walk and roll at College Place High School. Help us celebrate our friends & family with Autism in honor of Autism Acceptance Month too!

[Register for Ability Walk & Roll](#)

**Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 pm**

**Make a Poster for the Ability Walk & Roll.**

You can build your poster at the poster party or pick up your poster board and take it home to create on your own. Posters will be displayed on the Wall of

Champions at the Ability Walk & Roll on April 20.

[RSVP for Poster Making](#)

# **Papás y Mamás Especiales**

**martes 16 de abril, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Reunión de apoyo solo para personas que hablan español.

[RSVP a Ysabel](#)





# Caregiver and Parent Support Meeting Hors d'oeuvres and Jeopardy

Bring your favorite snack and enjoy a fun and simple jeopardy game  
Prizes to winning team

**Wednesday April 17, 2024**

Center for Children and Families  
1150 W. Chestnut St.  
6:00 PM

RSVP at [wwvdn.org](http://wwvdn.org)

Call Angie if questions at 509-255-3727 or email at [p2p@wwvdn.org](mailto:p2p@wwvdn.org)

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\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

**RSVP for P2P Jeopardy Fun!**

# **Paperwork Drop In Hours**

**Thurs, Apr 25 from 11am to 1pm**

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# Drop-in Paperwork Hours

Do you have paperwork that you need assistance with filling out?

Do you have questions about a letter you received?

Do you have paperwork to shred?

Or do you just want a cup of coffee and a time to network?

*Bring your lunch and drop in for a paperwork session with Ysabel & Angie*

**Thursday, April 25 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

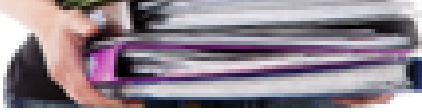
**In our office at**

**Center for Children and Families**

**1150 W. Chestnut St., Walla Walla, WA**

**RSVP at [www.vdn.org](http://www.vdn.org)**



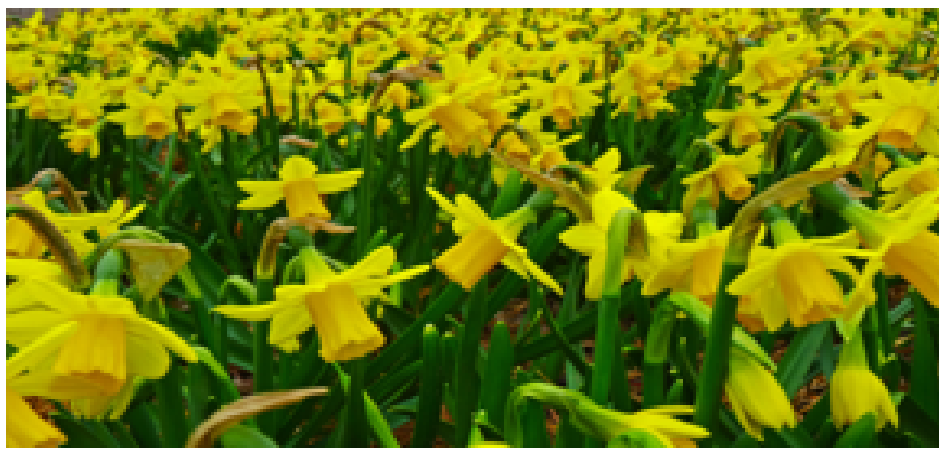


RSVP or Drop By

# **IEP & 504 Plans Workshop**

## **Saturday, April 27**

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# IEP/504 TRAINING

Saturday, April 27, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Welcome

Angie Witt, Parent to Parent Coordinator

10:15 a.m.

Sherry Mashburn-IEP/504 and the Law

11:30 a.m. Lunch

*Soups, Salad, rolls and dessert*

FREE Lunch

12:30 PM One on One IEP or 504 discussion with  
Sherry Mashburn

Please bring your IEP or 504 plans if you want to discuss with Sherry in depth

12:30 PM

Informing Families Information

1:30 PM Post-Evaluation

2:00 p.m. Thank you for coming!

Learn more  
about:

IEP's, 504 &  
Conflict  
Resolution and  
One on One  
Discussion

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Walla Walla  
Summer Theater



Walla Walla Summer Theater  
presents

Disney's  
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice  
Book by Linda Woolverton

Directed by Brad Willcuts  
Music Directed by Robb Harrison

August 9-17th | Cordiner Hall

Beauty and the Beast is a captivating tale of love and acceptance that follows Belle, a young woman with a passion for books, as she finds herself drawn to an enchanted castle inhabited by a fearsome beast. Despite their initial differences, Belle discovers the kind heart hidden beneath the Beast's exterior, leading to an unexpected romance that challenges societal norms. With the help of charming enchanted objects and their unwavering belief in true love, they embark on a transformative journey that teaches them the power of inner beauty and compassion.

**Walla Walla Summer Theater, in partnership with Walla Walla Valley Disability Network, is offering an accessible showing Saturday, August 10 at 2:00 pm. Pre-register thru [www.vdn.org](http://www.vdn.org) before June 1, 2024 and receive a promo code for a 50% discount on your seats. SOAR participants please register through the SOAR program.**



# Monthly Activities & Events

## April

### Papás y Mamás Especiales

- Apr 16, Centro para niños y familias - 5:30 pm

### Parent to Parent Walla Walla

- Apr 17, P2P Caregiver Support - 6:00 pm

### Parent to Parent Columbia County

- Apr 19, Dinner & Meeting - 6:00 pm

[See Calendar of Events](#)

## Community News & Activities

### Walla Walla Special Olympics Track & Field Practice Starts April 6



[More Information Here](#)

# Blue Zones Project

## April Events

April events include: Heart Healthy Cooking Class, Volunteer with BMAC Food Distribution.

[Details & Registration for Events](#)

## Informing Families



Visit [IRS.gov/EITC](https://www.irs.gov/EITC) to see if you qualify for this valuable tax credit.

### Earned Income Tax Credit: You May Qualify!



Informing Families  
*Today and Tomorrow*

[More Information Here](#)

## Dental Services Survey





Washington State  
Department of Social  
& Health Services

*Transforming lives*

Developmental Disabilities Administration

**Developmental Disabilities Administration**

**March 14, 2024**

## **Bridging gaps in dental services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities**

Please help us identify the gaps and barriers to accessing dental services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Click the link below to take a short survey.

[Survey](#)

**April 4 at 10:00 am**

# Webinar - Save the date!

## Learn how the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act works with the Social Security Administration (SSA)

Join experts from the SSA, ABLE today, and ABLE state program leaders from the ABLE Savings Plans Network (ASPN) for a special webinar.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 10 a.m.**

The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Overview of ABLE accounts
- Social Security Disability Benefits
- Representative payees
- Reporting ABLE info to SSA
- Resources on SSA benefits and ABLE
- Income/assets tests and ABLE

This is a great opportunity for you to hear directly from ABLE programs and a representative of the SSA to confirm details on the ABLE program. Speakers for the webinar include Jolene Wyler (Utah's ABLE program), John Finch (Florida's ABLE United), and policy specialists from the SSA.

In past years, this has been one of ABLE today's most-watched webinars, so don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

[REGISTER](#)

You can learn more on the [ABLE today](#) website.

If you have questions about ABLE today, you can [email the Washington ABLE team](#).

## Family ECHO: Autism



## Project ECHO Family Series Offerings - 2024 Quarter 1

Family ECHO: Autism is a virtual learning program for families and caregivers, regardless of geographic location, who are raising children with autism. The sessions are designed to shift medical and behavioral information into the hands of parents and caregivers so they can learn to better support and care for their autistic children.

Nationwide Children's Hospital offers Family ECHO: Autism groups covering a range of topics. See what sessions are coming up during the first quarter of 2024.

## April 10 - "Behavior Management Strategies and Discussion: RUBI for Families"



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