

November 2021 Newsletter



Late Bloomer ...

by Cindy Wolski

When my son, Joey, was in high school he had very challenging behavior. He has autism; diagnosed at age two with classic infantile autism (now referred to as Level 3 – the most severe form of autism). At age 11 he acquired the additional diagnosis of Bi-Polar Disorder (rapid cyler). This dual diagnosis, along with the frustrations of being non-verbal and fluctuating hormones resulted in destructive and self-injurious (headbanging) behavior. In fact, he never attended school for longer than 3 hours a day.

[**Read More**](#)

For more family stories, please visit our [**Parent to Parent**](#) page:

A Note from Parent to Parent

Has someone made a difference in your life or in your family's life? Would you like to acknowledge them somehow? Well, WWVDN is taking nominations for the 2021 "You Made a Difference" Award. Please fill out the online nomination [**here**](#) no later than November 30 at 5:00 pm. This is one way to let someone know how much they mean to you and thank them for the difference they made in your life. It does not have to be someone within the network but

can be a business, community member or a friend or family member.

Ysabel and I are available in person, email, phone or over zoom to assist you in your journey, whether it be a cup of coffee and a chat, a chance to vent, help find resources or help with paperwork, we are here to help. Do not hesitate to call upon us. We are stronger together, than going alone.

Sincerely,
Angie and Ysabel

Weekday Walk with ME (at the Center for Children & Families - in the Gym)



Monday thru Friday at 7:30 am, 1150 W. Chestnut, Walla Walla

Stay out of the weather and enjoy companionship with a brisk walk each weekday morning.



Better Together Youth Social Club: Fun with Music

Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 pm

Ages 7 - 18! Join us and move with music at the Center for Children & Families. [RSVP for Youth Social Club: Fun with Music](#)

Better Together Adult Social Club: Karaoke Palace



Thursday, November 11, 6:00 pm

Ages 18 and over! Join us at the Karaoke Palace in Walla Walla for fun and songs. Admission is free -- bring money for food if you want.

[RSVP for Adult Social Club: Karaoke Palace](#)



Inclusion Benefits Everyone

Friday, Nov 12, 6:30 pm

Virtual Webinar

Open to Everyone! Join us as we focus on the importance of inclusion for children with disabilities, and why inclusive early learning spaces benefit all learners. [Register here if you are NOT a Childcare Provider](#)

Childcare Providers - Webinar Nov 12 & 13

Earn STARS credit as you learn about Inclusion, Positive Behavior Supports, Modifications & Supports for All Learners, and more.

[Register here if you ARE a Childcare Provider](#)

Legislative Meet & Greet

Tuesday, November 16, 6:00 pm

Join us for a discussion on Zoom where legislators share about themselves and learn about our families and the issues we face raising children with disabilities. [RSVP for Meet & Greet](#)



"You Made A Difference" 2021 Award Nominations

Nominate a person or company that has made a difference to someone with a disability for the 2021 "You Made A Difference" Award. Award recipients will be announced at our Holiday Party on December 7, 2021. [Nominate Someone](#)

Save the Dates!

December 7, 2021: WWVDN/P2P Holiday Party



Monthly Activities & Events

November 2021

Mamas Especiales

- Walk with M.E. Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am at CCF
- Virtual Fridays: Nov 5, 12, & 19 - 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 23 - 6:00 pm at Center for Children & Families

Columbia County P2P Group

Nov 19 - 5:30 pm

Swimming Lessons at the YMCA

Nov 15 - 24, 4:30 to 5:10 pm, Monday thru Thursday (total of 7 classes)

Cost: \$45 (scholarships available)

Class Size: 4 students

Additional 2-week sessions will continue through the Fall and Winter, so if you cannot make it to this session, check back and register when a new session opens (every 2 weeks).

[Register Here](#)

Investing in Student Potential -

Listening Sessions

November 1, 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Focus on rural school districts and Eastern Washington)

November 3, 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Focus on transitions after high school)

November 6, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (General listening session)

The first 50 participants or households who join each listening session will be compensated \$40 for their time and participation.

[Information & Registration](#)

ARC of Spokane presents November Guardianship Workshop

November 16, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Learn all about guardianship through a workshop with The Arc of Spokane and Gravis Law.

[Information & Registration](#)

DDA Waiver Renewal Stakeholder Feedback Sessions

DDA is preparing to renew the Basic Plus, Core, Community Protection & Children's Intensive Behavioral Support Waivers and they want your input!

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 12 p.m.

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1442658630298079501>

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 12 p.m.

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6069106691840153101>

Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 12 p.m.

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/911616504314904845>

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