



WALLA WALLA VALLEY
**Disability
Network**



October 2025 Newsletter

October is Disability Employment Awareness Month

Your partnership and support of our programs, activities, and the families we serve—those who have a loved one with an intellectual or developmental disability—mean the world to us.

[Donate to Support WWVDN Programs](#)

Spotlight: SOAR Gameshow Night



Who knew game show night would turn out to be such a blast! Was I expecting fun? Yes. But this much fun? Not even close. When I plan SOAR events, I dream them up vividly. Sometimes the real-life version doesn't quite match my imagination, but this Game Show Night exceeded every expectation. [Read More](#)

P2P Family Story: Grayson & Angie



"Hi. My name is Angie, and I am a single mother to a sweet, loving, playful, free-spirited, curious and brave little boy named Grayson. Grayson is a typical 4 year old boy. He loves the park, he likes to ride his bike, he likes watching cartoons and playing outside." [Read More](#)

Note From Parent to Parent

Fall has arrived, bringing cooler days, colorful leaves, and plenty of reasons to gather together as a community. This month is National Disability Employment Awareness month, a time to celebrate the many contributions people with disabilities make in the workplace and in our community. It's also a chance to highlight the importance of inclusion and opportunity for all.

We'll be out and about at several events this month, starting with the Health Fair at Family Medical Center on October 4th, where you can stop by our table, say hello, and learn more about Parent to Parent resources.

On October 8th, we'll be hosting our annual "Paper Party," a creative way to connect to resources and get information.

Later in the month, on October 24th, we'll be hosting a fundraiser at MOD Pizza. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a meal and support WWVDN and Parent to Parent at the same time!

Finally, we close the month with our much anticipated, Harvest Party and Chili Cook-Off on October 29th, a family favorite tradition filled with food, fun, and community.

We're excited to share these opportunities with you and hope you'll join us as we celebrate the season, connect with families, and support one another. Mark your calendars and come be a part of the fun, we can't wait to see you this October!
Sincerely, Geneva & Ysabel

Papas y Mamas Especiales

Monday, Oct 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm



Parent to Parent

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May the beauty of autumn paint your life with the colors of courage, reflection, and joy, as the leaves dance in the wind!

Special Dads and Moms Support Together

October 6: National Disability Employment Awareness Month

November 3: Ability Pride Month

December 1: Promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities in all spheres of society.

Bring something to share: food, family stories, innovative ideas, etc.

We look forward to seeing you at:

Children and Families Center

1150 W. Chestnut, Walla Walla, WA

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM RSVP to Ysabel Fuentes at 509-301-0679

[More Info Here](#)

Paper Party

Wednesday, Oct 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

PAPER PARTY

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**Location: Center for Children and Families
Library, 1150 W Chestnut St, Walla Walla**

No one likes paperwork, so let's do it together
and make it a party!

Bring your questions and your paperwork and
get help filling out forms.

Agencies planning to attend include:

DVR

DDCS (formerly known as DDA)

Birth - Three Services

RSVP at www.vdn.org

***Let us know what you want help with and
we will be prepared for you***



[More Info Here](#)

Challenger Basketball

Friday Oct 10, 17, 24 & Nov 7, 14, 21

(Youth League: 5:00-6:00 pm)

(Adult League: 6:00-7:00 pm)



**Challenger
Basketball**

[More Info Here](#)

P2P Columbia County No Host Dinner

Friday, Oct 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

COLUMBIA COUNTY NO HOST DINNER

FRIDAY, OCT 17

6:00-7:30 PM

Eagles Restaurant

258 E. Main St

Dayton, WA



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**MOD Pizza fundraiser & Disability Employment
Awareness**

Friday, Oct 24 - All Day Event!

MOD PIZZA FUNDRAISING

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support this great work!

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: WALLA WALLA VALLEY DISABILITY NETWORK

FUNDRAISER DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2025

ADDRESS: 1658 W POPLAR ST, SUITE 101
WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by GroupRise. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only nonprofit organizations and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

MOD PIZZA FUNDRAISING

HAZ QUE CREZCA LA MASA

Presenta este flyer o haz un pedido en línea a través de la aplicación MOD o el sitio web y utiliza el código que aparece en el cupón. MOD donará el 25% de tu factura para apoyar a esta gran labor.

ÚNETE A MOD PARA AYUDAR

NOMBRE DE LA ORGANIZACIÓN: WALLA WALLA VALLEY DISABILITY NETWORK

FECHA DE RECAUDACIÓN: 24 DE OCTUBRE DE 2025

DOMICILIO: 1658 W POPLAR ST, SUITE 101
WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

CÓDIGO DE RECAUDACIÓN: MODGIVES25

Oferta válida solo en las fechas y en el lugar MOD indicados en este flyer. Oferta válida para comer en el restaurante, para llevar o para entrega a domicilio cuando se ordena a través de la aplicación MOD o el sitio web. Para pedidos en línea o por la aplicación, utilice el código proporcionado por GroupRise. Para entregas a domicilio, el cliente debe vivir dentro de los límites establecidos. Solo las organizaciones y escuelas sin fines de lucro pueden participar en el programa de recaudación de fondos MOD. MOD donará el 25% de las ventas de comida y bebida a la organización. Quedan excluidos de la donación, los impuestos, los tarjetas de regalo y las ventas minoristas. Oferta no válida si el flyer se distribuye dentro o cerca del restaurante. Para obtener más información sobre recaudación de fondos, visite <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

Enjoy Pizza for lunch, dinner or both!

Just mention Walla Walla Valley Disability Network when paying for your order, or if ordering online, use code MODGIVES25 at checkout.

Visit our display between 3:00-7:00 pm, and meet some highly valued employees with disabilities working in our community.

[More Info Here](#)

Harvest Party & Chili Cook Off

Wednesday, Oct 29 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

HARVEST PARTY & CHILI COOK OFF

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2025

TIME: 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

LOCATION: CENTER FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Fun for the whole family!

Sign up to bring your own special chili
recipe and participate in the chili cook off

◆
Taste a variety of homemade chilis and
vote for your favorite

◆
Games, crafts, and activities for kids

◆
Music, treats, and fall fun for all ages

◆
Bring your family, invite your friends, and
celebrate autumn with us!

RSVP at www.vdn.org



[More Info Here](#)

Whitman Buddy Program



WHITMAN
COLLEGE

First meeting is October 7! SOAR is teaming up with Whitman College students for our Buddy Program. If you were a previous participant (in the last 3 years), please fill out the one-question Buddy Program Check-In Google Form. If you are interested in participating this year, please fill out the "Buddy Bio" Google Form. This will help give students an insight into your likes and hobbies, and sign you up to receive updates when it begins.

[Buddy Check-In](#)

[Buddy Bio](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Opportunities Available:

Thursday, Oct 2 - SOAR Firehouse Dinner Chaperone

Saturday, Oct 11 - Viking Market Guide

Wednesday, Oct 29 - WWVDN Harvest Party: Set-Up Crew

Wednesday, Oct 29 - WWVDN Harvest Party: Activity Support

Wednesday, Oct 29 - WWVDN Harvest Party: Clean-Up Crew

October - SOAR: Challenger Basketball Buddy

[**More Info Here**](#)



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

Open for registration:

Tuesday, Oct 7 - Whitman Buddy Program (Kick-Off)

Saturday, Oct 11 - Viking Market

Wednesday, Oct 15 - Field Trip to Middleton Farms

Saturday, Oct 25 - Shrek the Musical

Saturday, Nov 22 - 4th Annual Friendsgiving

Wednesday, Nov 26 - Movie Night (Zootopia 2)

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

[**Visit the SOAR Events Page**](#)

[**Become a SOAR Investor**](#)

Community Bulletin

Connect with your elected representatives

Whether you live in Oregon or Washington State, no matter what city you call home, you can find out who represents you at the local, state, and federal level through the link below.

[More Info Here](#)

Equipment Available

The following equipment is available from a community member whose son recently passed away:

Adult-sized power wheelchair, 31 bags of Adult Large diapers, 2 cases of Boost (chocolate flavor), a wheelchair bowling ramp, a six-foot long suitcase ramp, and a wheelchair accessible van. For more information, please text Lynn (509-386-4289).

Walla Walla Berm Reduction Program

Turn in Application by October 1



Berm Reduction Program

[More Info Here](#)

Family Medical Center: Health Fair

Saturday, Oct 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Family Medical Center

Health Fair

Have fun and learn more about our services.

Feria de Salud

Diviértase y aprenda más sobre nuestros servicios.



Saturday, October 4th
Sábado, 4 de octubre
10 AM - 2 PM



Family Medical Center
1120 W. Rose St.
Walla Walla, WA 99362

- Immunizations
- Well Child Checks
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Tacos and Popcorn
- Music, Face Painting, and Bubbles
- Sidewalk Chalk Art Area

- Vacunas
- Evaluaciones del niño sano
- Exámenes de presión arterial
- Tacos y palomitas
- Música, Pinta caritas y Burbujas
- Lugar en la banquetta para dibujar con gis



**Yakima Valley
Farm Workers Clinic**



Y VF WC .com
EN/SP Rev. 04.30.25

Financial How-To's for People with Disabilities: Monthly Classes



Bring your questions! Each class is generally held monthly and led by a Certified Benefits Planner and Accredited Financial Counselor. These classes provide financial education designed to meet the unique needs of people with disabilities. Get tips and strategies on a variety of financial topics and leave with a clear idea of the next steps to take to help you reach your goals.

Learn about the SSI application process for children under age 18. Get tips and strategies for the application process and leave with a clear idea of the next steps to take.

Wednesday, Oct 1 @ 12:00pm PST

Navigating SSI Applications: Children Under 18

Learn the basics of budgeting and saving, including strategies to save without impacting asset restricted benefits. Leave knowing how to make a budget, what to do when you have limited resources, and with tips to overcome common spending pitfalls.

Tuesday, Oct 7 @ 12:00pm PST

How to Make a Budget & Save

Learn about the SSI application process for Youth ages 18+. Get tips and strategies for the application process and leave with a clear idea of the next steps to take. Individualized support is available for participants who have taken a class.

Wednesday, Oct 8 @ 12:00pm PST

Navigating SSI Applications: Youth Ages 18+

Learn what credit is and how to build it and learn strategies to help you manage your debt. Leave knowing how to check your credit, how to raise your credit score, and with tips for managing your current debt and planning for new debt.

Tuesday, Oct 14 @ 12:00pm PST

How to Build Credit & Manage Debt

Learn about the difference between SSI and SSDI and get a clear overview of how to apply for these benefits. Leave with tips and strategies to help you throughout the application process.

Tuesday, Oct 21 @ 12:00pm PST

How to Apply for SSI/SSDI Benefits for Adults

Need support staying motivated and focused to accomplish your goals? Join a Working Lunch to work on your budget, pull your credit reports, start your benefits application, or anything else! This will be a quiet working session with the opportunity to ask questions via chat as needed.

Tuesday, Oct 28 @ 12:00pm PST

Working Lunch/Body Doubling Session



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Community Services

www.entrustcs.org

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509-520-9280

Call today to confirm eligibility!

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Yakima

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Our services:

- **Person Centered Planning:** Tailored services and supports based on individual needs.
- **Employment Services:** Helping individuals find and maintain meaningful employment.
- **Housing Support:** Providing safe and affordable housing options.
- **Community Access Programs:** Ensuring everyone has access to community resources and activities.
- **Educational Training Programs:** Offering training to enhance skills and independence.



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