

WWVDN 10-Year Anniversary - 2024



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September 2024 News

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10th Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser

Thursday, Sept 26, 6:00 - 9:00 pm



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Disability
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Benefit Dinner Auction & Entertainment

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Courtyard by Marriott - 550 W. Rose St.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$65/plate or table of six for \$350



Scan the QR code to get your tickets now!
Space is limited!

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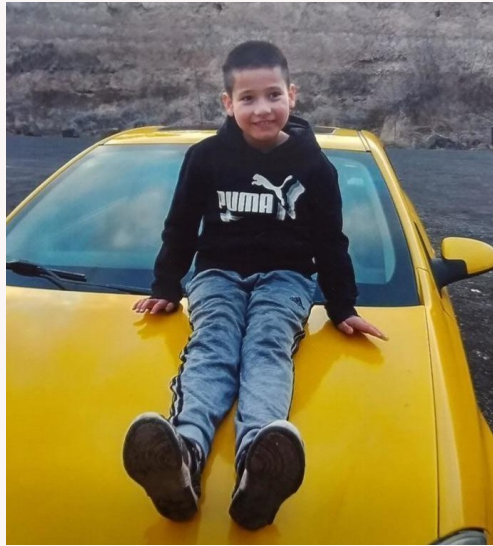
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The Walla Walla Valley Disability Network mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families through community inclusion and support throughout their lifespan.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Parent to Parent Family Story: Kevin



"Kevin was born on May 12, 2015, at TRIOS Women's and Children's Hospital in Kennewick, Washington. The doctors who received him were Dr. William and Dr. Maria Guevara. Kevin weighed 8 lbs. and 2 oz. He measured 21 inches. Kevin was in the hospital for 24 hours." [Read More](#)

A Note From Parent to Parent...

Happy almost Fall y'all!

As school starts and we get back into a school routine, we too at WWVDN are getting back into the swing of things with our calendar of events and meetings. Summer brought the heat, the sun and downtime for many, but we are excited for the upcoming months and all they will bring.

On September 9th, we will have the DD Ombudsman visiting from Spokane to speak with us and listen to any needs or concerns you may have. Please come ready to share your story. Personal stories are powerful and can greatly influence the hearts and minds of local government officials and community members. By sharing, we can offer a glimpse into our daily lives and experiences. Siblings and other family members are also encouraged to share their journeys, as their perspectives are equally important.

Also in September, we will have a Kids Playgroup with peach basket games and prizes for all. Kids playgroup is for 0-12 years of age and their siblings. This is a time to connect with other families and have some fun together.

On September 13th we will be celebrating Mexican Independence Day with a potluck, live music, dancing, and Loteria (aka Bingo). This is our first Mexican Fiesta Night so bring your favorite Mexican dish, your family, and friends.

Ysabel and I are available to meet with you individually to help with paperwork, answer questions and are always ready to listen.

Check out our website and calendar of events for more information and to register for events.

Sincerely,

Angie and Ysabel



SOAR Events - For age 13 and over

September events:

Thursday, Sept 5 - Karaoke Night

Sunday, Sept 8 - Bowling

Friday, Sept 20 - Movie Night: Transformers One

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

P2P Workshop: Developmental Disabilities Ombuds

Monday, Sept 9 at 5:30 pm (With a Potluck)



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Office of

**Developmental
Disabilities**

Ombuds

Join us for a workshop with Lisa Robbe, DD Ombudsman with a passion for people with disabilities. Come learn what to expect from your DD Case Manager and share your stories.



Date:

September 9

at 5:30 PM
with a potluck



DD Ombuds is a private, independent office focused on improving the lives of persons with disabilities in Washington State by providing information, investigating complaints, monitoring procedures and much more.

Call:
509-255-3727
for a virtual
option

Contact Information:



RSVP at www.wwvdn.org



1150 W. Chestnut St. Walla Walla WA

September Kids Playgroup

Tuesday, Sept 10, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Join us for the

SEPTEMBER KIDS PLAYGROUP

kids ages 0-12 with disabilities & siblings

September 10, 2024 | 4:00-5:30 pm



Peach basket games w/prizes

SNACKS PROVIDED

Center for Children & Families
1150 W Chestnut St, Walla Walla
Outdoor basketball court (weather permitting)

RSVP at wwvdn.org
Contact Angie (509) 255-3727 or p2p@wwvdn.org with questions

Funding for Kids Playgroups provided by a generous grant from the Sunny Day Foundation

P2P Mexican Night Fiesta

Friday, Sept 13, 6:00 - 9:00 pm



YOU ARE INVITED TO

FIESTA

MEXICAN NIGHT

Potluck style.

Bring your favorite Mexican dish.
We will have live music, drinks, and
Loteria. Bring the whole family!

FRIDAY


13

SEPTEMBER

6:00-9:00 PM

RSVP at www.vdn.org or
Call Angie Witt @ (509) 255-3727

Center for Children and Families
1150 W. Chestnut Street, Walla Walla,
Washington 99362



Potluck style. Last names A-L may bring a main dish, M-S may bring a side, and T-Z may bring a dessert. We will have live music, drinks, & Loteria. Bring the whole family!

P2P Columbia County Group

Friday, Sept 20 at 5:30 pm



[More Info Here](#)

"With a Little Help From My Friends" Peer Mentor Training

Sunday, Sept 22, 1:30 - 3:30 pm



PEER MENTOR TRAINING



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SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!
OR REGISTER THRU THE
CALENDAR AT WWVDN.ORG



“With a Little Help from My Friends”

Our goal for this Peer Mentor Training is to teach general education students about individuals who have disabilities. Trained Peer Mentors are then invited to attend and assist participants in weekly social events or community recreational activities (basketball, baseball, summer camp, etc.).

This training counts for 2 Volunteer hours and you will receive a certificate of completion. Snacks will be provided.

SUNDAY, SEPT 22ND

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION: CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

1150 W. CHESTNUT ST.

Challenger Basketball

Every Friday, Oct 18 to Nov 22, 2024

STARTING FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER 2024

CHALLENGER BASKETBALL

A BASKETBALL PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS
AGES 4 - 21 (WHO ARE STILL IN SCHOOL) WITH DISABILITIES.



DATES

OCTOBER: 18TH & 25TH

NOVEMBER: 1ST, 8TH, 15TH & 22ND

TIME

YOUTH LEAGUE (SCHOOL AGES)

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

ADULT LEAGUE

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

- TEAM BUILDING
- GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
- WARM UPS / STRETCHES
- DRIBBLING, PASSING, & SHOOTING TECHNIQUES

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.VDN.ORG**

**EDISON ELEMENTARY GYM
1315 E ALDER ST, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362**

REGISTRATION FEE \$30 PER PARTICIPANT

**FOR MORE INFO, INQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS, OR TO REGISTER,
PLEASE VISIT : WWW.VDN.ORG**

Challenger Basketball has historically been held in January & February and we often had to cancel meetings due to inclement weather. This year we are moving the basketball program to October & November.

[More Info Here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



Community News & Activities

Washington Park Community Party

Thursday, Sept 12, 5:00 - 6:45pm

City of Walla Walla
Washington Park
Community Party



Details

Walla Walla's Neighborhood Engagement Program (NEP) encourages groups of Walla Walla residents to come together and actively partner in improving their community. It does so by providing an opportunity for people from all neighborhoods and backgrounds to work together to plan and participate in programs that will contribute to the well-being of the street, block, or area in which they live. There will be free food, healthy beverages, cold treats, face painting, games, prizes, music provided by DJ Alan, and Walla Walla Emergency Services vehicles and personnel. Click the link below for more information on the Neighborhood Engagement Program and this event.

Date

Thursday, September 12

Time

5:00 pm - 6:45 pm



Location

Washington Park, 700 W Cherry St. Walla Walla, WA 99362



Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: Public Forum

DVR Order of Selection: Public forum to be held Sept. 16, 2024

DSHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is planning to close some priority of service categories and follow an Order of Selection for serving customers. This has to do with high requests for services and limited resources. As a result, some customers will have to go on a waiting list. DVR is holding a public forum to hear community feedback about this change.

Washington State Rehabilitation Council and DVR invite you to comment on Order of Selection and the transition to a waiting list for some customers in a public forum on Monday, Sept. 16, 2024 from 1-2:30 p.m. The forum will be held virtually.

Please submit your comments on the transition to a waiting list from Friday, Aug. 16 to Monday, Sept. 16, 2024. Email your comments to DVRStatePlan@dshs.wa.gov.

To view the current 2024-2027 DVR State Plan, go to the DVR website: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr>.



Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 9267 2852

Passcode: 485069

Scan the QR code or visit <https://zoom.us/join> to join the Zoom meeting.

To join by phone

253-215-8782 (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 851 9267 2852

Passcode: 485069



If you have questions or need more information, email DVRStatePlan@dshs.wa.gov.

For reasonable accommodation requests, please email DVRStatePlan@dshs.wa.gov or call 866-252-2939 by Friday, Aug. 30, 2024.



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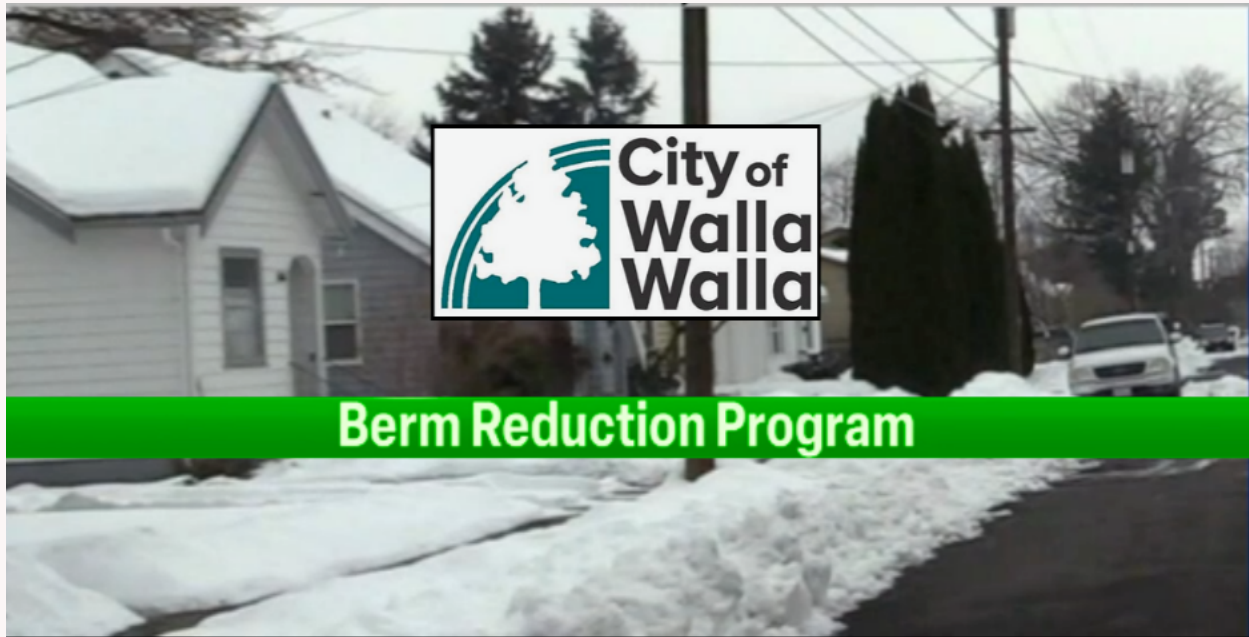


Transforming lives

08/24

Berm Reduction Program

Deadline to submit request is Tuesday, October 1, 2024



If you have a disability that makes it challenging for you to clear the snow berm (example pictured above) from your driveway during winter weather, the City of Walla Walla has instituted a Berm Reduction Program as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.

[More Info Here](#)

Wrightslaw Special Education Training

Tuesday, Sept 24, 2024 6:00am - 1:30pm PST

The Parents' Place of MD
proudly presents the 2024

Wrightslaw Special Education Law & Advocacy Conference

4th Annual

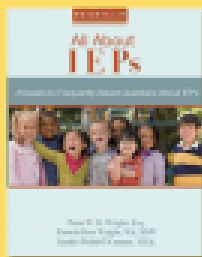
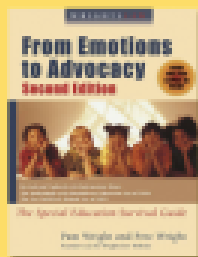
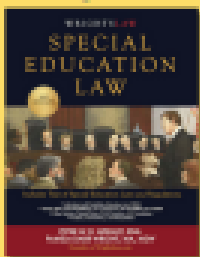
Virtual!

Spanish
Interpretation

September 24, 2024 9:00am - 4:30pm ET

Join us for a full-day virtual conference on special education law and advocacy with speaker Pete Wright. With your ticket purchase, you will receive three books:

- *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 3rd Ed.*
- *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Ed.*
- *Wrightslaw: All About IEPs*



Topics that will be covered are:

- Special education law
- Tests and measurements
- Smart IEPs
- Effective advocacy tactics



Purchase your ticket!

*Get \$15 off when you purchase before August 1st!

~~\$170~~ **\$155 for Families**
~~\$230~~ **\$215 for Professionals**

[Click here to purchase your ticket!](#)

Receive a FREE BOOK when you purchase an Early Bird ticket before August 1, 2024.



**This conference will be held in English and Spanish, as well as American Sign Language upon request.*

Learning Advocacy in Special Education



Informing Families *Today and Tomorrow*

LEARNING ADVOCACY IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

As the new school year approaches and you and your family start getting ready, be sure to check out "Guide to Learning Advocacy in Special Education" by Rachel Nemhauser from The Arc of King County. It's packed with valuable tips for advocating for your child.

[Read Article](#)

Informing Families is a resource provided by the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council, in partnership with the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you liked this article then consider subscribing to their newsletter for more news and info.

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Financial Assistance

The city offers a 20% discount on monthly utility bills for low-income residents. Blue Mountain Action Council can also provide direct financial assistance to eligible residents to help pay for rent, mortgage, or utility.

Need Help Paying Bills?



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