

2026 WWVDN Annual Survey

Responses: 53 English, 6 Spanish

1. What county do you live in? (please circle)
A. Walla Walla -(55) B. Columbia - (1) C. Umatilla - (3) D. Other: - (0)
2. How do you identify yourself? (circle all that apply)
A. Two-parent/caregiver household that includes a person (child or adult) with a disability (28)
B. One-parent/caregiver household that includes a person (child or adult) with a disability (13)
C. Grandparent caregiver for a person (child or adult) with a disability (3)
D. Parent of adult living outside the family home (4)
E. Extended family member of someone (child or adult) with a disability (5)
F. Self-advocate, a person with a disability (6)
G. Professional or service provider (7)
Other: Sibling/caregiver of person with disability (1); Friends (1)
3. In what age category is the individual(s) with a disability in your family? (please circle)
A. 0-3 years (2)
B. 4-6 years (1)
C. 7-10 years (3)
D. 11-18 years (9)
E. 19-40 years (41)
F. over 40 years (3)
G. No one with a disability is in my family (3)
4. How do you prefer to receive information from WWVDN, Parent to Parent, SOAR, or any of our programs about events & activities?
A. Email (newsletters and Friday reminders) (50)
B. Text (37)
C. Social Media (Facebook/Instagram) (19)
D. I prefer a phone call (3)
E. I visit the website - www.vdn.org to get information (15)
5. How did you learn about WWVDN?
A. Friend/family (18)
B. Akin (1)
C. Birth to 3 Program (11)
D. Doctor/medical professional (3)
E. Employer (1)
F. School or education professional (7)
G. Social Media / Internet (8)
Other: Online resources (1); Children's Village Yakima (1); Carla, Angela, and Cindy (1); 1 of 3 founders (2); Community (1); BMAC (2); Long long time ago (1), Parent to Parent (1)
6. How are you being supported in your community? (Choose all that apply)
A. Aging and Long Term Care (7)
B. Akin (2)
C. Birth to 3 Program (6)

- D. Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) (30)
 - E. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) (16)
 - F. Employment Providers (13)
 - G. Social Security Administration (SSI or SSDI) (34)
 - H. Valley Residential Services (6)
 - I. WWVDN Programs (40)
 - J. Community Supports are not necessary for my family (1)
- Other: Just through the school and our child's IEP (1); wa-hi IEP (1); EOSSB (Oregon) (1);
Friends I've met through WWVDN (1); None - we're new to the area

7. How have you been affected by Parent to Parent's Helping Parent program?

- A. I am currently a trained volunteer Helping Parent (6)
 - B. I am a former trained volunteer Helping Parent (7)
 - C. I was matched with a Helping Parent when my child was younger (1)
 - D. I am currently matched with a Helping Parent (1)
 - E. I don't know anything about Helping Parents or the program (16)
 - F. This is not applicable to me (23)
- Other: Informed about years ago but never got matched (1); Former peer mentor (1)

8. Are you connected with the Developmental Disabilities Administration - DDA? *Mark only one answer.*

- A. Eligible for paid services and receiving services (30)
- B. Eligible for paid services and NOT receiving services (on the "No Paid Services" caseload) (5)
- C. Not eligible or denied eligibility for services. (5)
- D. Never applied for services (If you want to apply, see this helpful video - <https://informingfamilies.org/reasons-to-apply-for-dda-services/>) (5)
- E. Not applicable to me (13)

9. How have Parent to Parent, SOAR, or WWVDN programs affected your family's quality of life? *Circle all that apply.*

- A. Greatly (31)
- B. Moderately (7)
- C. Minimally (3)
- D. No effect (5)
- E. Not applicable (service provider or professional) (8)
- F. Haven't participated yet (1)

10. Which of the following topics would be most helpful to learn more about for you and/or your family? *Circle all that apply.*

- A. Behavior issues (10)
- B. Benefits (DDCS, DVR, EBT, SSI) (26)
- C. Childcare (2)
- D. Community Inclusion (24)
- E. Communication Challenges (11)
- F. Daily Activities (living a meaningful life each day) (24)
- G. Employment (21)
- H. Finances (11)
- I. Housing (16)
- J. Immigration Status (1)
- K. Intrafamilial Violence (my adult child is hurting me) (1)
- L. Life after parents/caregivers pass away (23)
- M. Medical issues (8)
- N. Mental Health (16)
- O. Potty Training (5)

- P. School Issues (8)
- Q. Social connection & friendships (30)
- R. Transportation (16)
- S. Wandering / Elopement (5)
- T. None of the Above (2)

Other: young children's need Birth-Five (1); Adult care, childcare for adults w/ disabilities (1); ARFID (1); Trusts (1)

11. Of all the programs WWVDN Provides, which are you most likely to attend? *Circle all that apply.*

- A. Recreation Events (e.g. SOAR Program, Challenger Baseball & Basketball) (37)
- B. Social Events (e.g. Holiday Gatherings, Picnics, Annual Meeting) (37)
- C. Parent/Caregiver Monthly Connections (e.g. Mamas Especiales, Parent to Parent Walla Walla or Columbia County) (13)
- D. Trainings or Workshops (e.g. Financial Planning, Behavior Support, Transition Planning, IEP Workshop, Helping Parent Training) (22)
- E. One on One assistance with paperwork, accessing systems, or navigating system requirements (15)
- F. None of the above (4)

Other: Any or all depending on when they happen (1); Guardianship; Will (1);

Young Childrens Needs; Birth - age 5 (1); Need activities for high functioning autistic young adults (1)

12. How would you prefer to attend events? (Check all that apply)

- A. In Person (51)
- B. Virtually, through the internet (16)
- C. I don't want to attend events (1)
- D. We haven't attended lately (1)

13. What are the best days or times for you to attend events? (Check all that apply)

- A. Mondays (18)
- B. Tuesdays (20)
- C. Wednesdays (18)
- D. Thursdays (23)
- E. Fridays (27)
- F. Saturdays (28)
- G. Afternoons (24)
- H. Evenings (39)

Other: There is no good time or day for me (1);

Saturday anytime or Evenings other day. I work so does the father (1); Most any day (1); any (1); Sundays (1)

14. What is the diagnosis of the person(s) in your family with a disability? *Circle all that apply.*

- A. ADD/ADHD (12)
- B. Autism Spectrum Disorder (25)
- C. Blind or Low Vision (2)
- D. Cerebral Palsy (1)
- E. Deaf or Hard of Hearing (0)
- F. Down syndrome (9)
- G. Intellectual Disability (20)
- H. Learning Disability (12)
- I. Physical Disability (3)
- J. Rare Chromosomal Disorder (6)
- K. Seizure Disorder (6)
- L. Traumatic Brain Injury (1)

Other: Rhombencephalosynapsis (1); Tuberous Sclerosis (1); MR (1);

I work with families with children w/ Special Needs (1); Trisomy (1)

15. What would you like to see offered that we are not currently offering?

- N/A
- I believe that there should be an adult social program. 18 and over and not have minors be apart of the social engagement
- The soar program looks like it has a variety of activities my son is too young though
- Transition out of birth to 3 into public school so parents can try to plan.
- Longer summer programs like the week long summer camp.
- N/A you guys do great work!
- Advocacy training
- Swimming lessons for young adults, 18 and above. I want to be able to attend soar things with my children like we can with parent to parent events. My son doesn't go into men's bathrooms by himself, I take him into woman's bathroom. And so he can't attend soar events! I shouldn't have to take a background check to be able to assist my son at these events! Ridiculous!
- Programs geared for recreation to meet the needs of those who aren't looking for the social aspect/friendships....
- Love all the activities and sports
- Pediatric Specialties; ASD, Behavior, Sensory, Mental Health, Parents to be able to socialize
- Better local mental health services and counseling for people with disabilities at Wa-Hi.
- Not sure
- We have an amazing program here in WW
- Public transportation scavenger hunts (build familiarity with public transport), business field trips (exposure to jobs), art tutorials (art classes), dances. Already so lucky to participate in what you offer, these are just ideas.
- Social events for high functioning autistic young adults. They often have no friends.
- Swimming for the Adults
- WWVDN offers many great opportunities
- Que tenga mis salido con los niños (I'm happy to go out with my children)
- Individual help with applying for services
- You offer so many things, I can't think of anything you don't already do!
- Activity after 5 since we work, more hands on
- More volunteers at social events.
- Attorneys to explain trusts; Dating with autism
- Everything has been great so far. Can't think of what to add.
- Need help getting services for our son
- Skiing at Bluewood Wallowa Lake
- Swim