

2025 WWVDN Annual Survey

Responses: 57 English, 9 Spanish

1. What county do you live in? (please circle)
A. Walla Walla -(51) B. Columbia - (8) C. Umatilla - (5) D. Other: - (2)
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(31)
B. One-parent/caregiver household that includes a person (child or adult) with a disability(17)
C. Grandparent caregiver for a person (child or adult) with a disability(2)
D. Parent of adult living outside the family home (4)
E. Extended family member of someone (child or adult) with a disability(7)
F. Self-advocate, a person with a disability(8)
G. Professional or service provider(13)
H. Other: Volunteer (1)
3. In what age category is the individual(s) with a disability in your family? (please circle)
A. 0-3 years (0)
B. 4-6 years (3)
C. 7-10 years (9)
D. 11-18 years (18)
E. 19-40 years (29)
F. over 40 years (10)
G. No one with a disability is in my family (5)
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) (54)
B. Text (25)
C. Social Media (Facebook/Instagram) (9)
D. I prefer a phone call (2)
E. I visit the website - www.vdn.org to get information (18)
5. How did you learn about WWVDN?
A. Friend/family(33)
B. Akin (1)
C. Birth to 3 Program (9)
D. Doctor/medical professional (4)
E. Employer (3)
F. School or education professional (7)
G. Social Media / Internet (8)
Other: WWVDN staff/founder (6); DDA (1)
6. How are you being supported in your community? (Choose all that apply)
A. Aging and Long Term Care (5)
B. Akin (3)
C. Birth to 3 Program (4)
D. Developmental Disabilities Community Services - formerly known as DDA (30)

- E. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) (10)
 - F. Employment Providers (11)
 - G. Social Security Administration (SSI or SSDI) (33)
 - H. Valley Residential Services (1)
 - I. WWVDN Programs (37)
 - J. Community Supports are not necessary for my family (7)
 - K. Other: Church, Family & Friends (3); No time right now (1); IEP (1); need support but don't have it (1); Need to learn more (3); VRS crafts & community inclusion (1)
7. How have you been affected by Parent to Parent's Helping Parent program?
- A. I am currently a trained volunteer Helping Parent (9)
 - B. I am a former trained volunteer Helping Parent (6)
 - C. I was matched with a Helping Parent when my child was younger (4)
 - D. I am currently matched with a Helping Parent (0)
 - E. I don't know anything about Helping Parents or the program (14)
 - F. This is not applicable to me (28)
 - G. Other: We enjoy the meetings with Angie & information (1)
8. Are you connected with Developmental Disabilities Community Services, DDCS (formerly known as the Developmental Disabilities Administration - DDA)? *Mark only one answer.*
- A. Eligible for paid services and receiving services (25)
 - B. Eligible for paid services and NOT receiving services (on the "No Paid Services" caseload) (8)
 - C. Not eligible or denied eligibility for services. (6)
 - D. Never applied for services (If you want to apply, see this helpful video - <https://informingfamilies.org/reasons-to-apply-for-dda-services/>) (15)
 - E. Other (11)
9. How have Parent to Parent, SOAR, or WWVDN programs affected your family's quality of life? *Circle all that apply.*
- A. Greatly. (35)
 - B. Moderately. (12)
 - C. Minimally (4)
 - D. No effect (8)
 - E. Not applicable (service provider or professional) (9)
 - F. Other: Haven't joined them yet (1); Hard to access services because you have to sign up in advance and my kids are terrible about flaking out so I just don't sign up (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 (20)
 - B. Benefits (DDCS, DVR, EBT, SSI) (30)
 - C. Childcare (7)
 - D. Community Inclusion (25)
 - E. Communication Challenges (16)
 - F. Daily Activities (living a meaningful life each day) (22)
 - G. Employment (19)
 - H. Finances (18)
 - I. Housing (14)
 - J. Immigration Status (3)
 - K. Intrafamilial Violence (my adult child is hurting me) (1)
 - L. Life after parents/caregivers pass away (25)
 - M. Medical issues (10)
 - N. Mental Health (16)

- O. Potty Training (4)
- P. School Issues (12)
- Q. Social connection & friendships (29)
- R. Transportation (8)
- S. Wandering / Elopement (4)
- T. None of the Above (6)

Other: Executive function supports (1); keep up the parent support part of P2P (1); physical activities for those with only physical disabilities (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) (38)
- B. Social Events (e.g. Holiday Gatherings, Picnics, Annual Meeting) (38)
- C. Parent/Caregiver Monthly Connections (e.g. Mamas Especiales, Parent to Parent Walla Walla or Columbia County) (26)
- D. Trainings or Workshops (e.g. Financial Planning, Behavior Support, Transition Planning, IEP Workshop, Helping Parent Training) (31)
- E. One on One assistance with paperwork, accessing systems, or navigating system requirements (16)
- F. None of the above (7)

12. 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 (28)
- C. Blind or Low Vision (3)
- D. Cerebral Palsy (1)
- E. Deaf or Hard of Hearing (4)
- F. Down syndrome (11)
- G. Intellectual Disability (22)
- H. Learning Disability (13)
- I. Physical Disability (5)
- J. Rare Chromosomal Disorder (8)
- K. Seizure Disorder (4)
- L. Traumatic Brain Injury (0)
- M. Other: Albright's (1); Apraxia (1); Angelman, Epilepsy, EoE, gastroparesis (1); Sensory Processing Disorder(1); Dyspraxia (1); Tuberous Sclerosis Syndrome (1); mental illness (1); EDS, back, hip & stomach issues; Narcissist (1)

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

I think WWVDN offers a wide variety of training, support groups, and activities.

Advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels

Get together or camps for younger kids 6 yr old range

Ski Bluewood

Autism information

Be more involving with Milton Freewater. I don't see much for them :(

Outreach events in rural areas across the county

Continue to expand SOAR

I hope you do add the challenger soccer

Legal representation law advocacy

Day program

You are offering a fantastic variety of activities.

More info on how to structure days for the person with a disability after aging out of school

Field trips to museums or water parks/ Pool on Fridays moved to Saturdays

Day program for adults with disabilities to have meaningful social and recreational interaction outside the home. WWVDN and SOAR is fantastic, but a program dedicated to daily activities would be valuable.

I enjoy all of the SOAR events. Maybe for community service projects like BMAC or some other organization?

Socialization or Friendship skills groups for 3rd - 5th graders.

mental health

A before school gathering for parents/caregivers of young children going to school might be helpful. An opportunity to network with other parents/caregivers to share their fears, concerns and previous years achievements.

Perhaps have P2P Coordinator talk briefly about IEPs. ie. All goals don't have to be academic; some may be about social, emotional or adaptive skills. Let them know they have a say about their child's IEP.

This before school gathering would help young parents to make friendships and gather support from other parents who have children with disabilities!

It just seems everything is currently geared toward developmental disabilities

Campamento de verano para adultos. Actividade al aire libre competenuia de juegos (Summer camp for adults. Outdoor activities and games competition.)

Talbres/Entrenamientos (Workshops/Trainings)

Campamento le vereno p/adultos (Summer camp for adults)

Outdoor activities

Clases de zumba para mamas (Zumba classes for Moms)

Trustworthy people