

TRANSITIONING INTO ADULTHOOD

Walla Walla and Columbia County

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WHAT IS PARENT TO PARENT

Our Mission:

Learning that your child has a disability or chronic health condition can be a traumatic experience. Parents have many questions and concerns in coping with their child's needs and their own feelings. You are not alone. We have been there.

We walk together with parents of children with developmental disabilities and/or special health care need, connecting them with support and information with fellowship so they can take the next step.



PARENT TO PARENT

Services:

- Matching parents in one-on-one relationships with trained, experienced parents
- Support meetings, social events and networking opportunities
- Disability education through workshops and trainings for families and community stakeholders
- Information about local resources
- Culturally relevant services through ethnic outreach
- Public Awareness and advocacy
- Monthly newsletters in both English and Spanish
- Find a Parent to Parent program close to you at: <https://arcwa.org/parent-to-parent>



TRANSITION WORKSHOP SERIES

Wed., January 12, 2022	Transition Checklist; Transition IEP, preparing your young adult for adulthood
Wed., January 26, 2022	DDA, DVR, Social Security and Job Foundations: Services for adults?
Wed., February 9, 2022	Guardianship, Power of Attorney, and Supported Decision making
Wed., February 23, 2022	Employment and Community Inclusion Services
Wed., March 9, 2022	Transportation into the community and Housing Resources
Wed., March 30, 2022	Transition Expo: Meet the agency representatives and pick up resources at the Transition Expo



TRANSITION EXPO: POWER UP FOR YOUR FUTURE

Community Event for children (age 10 & older) and adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities, their parents/caregivers

WAKAWAKA!



Game On!
Level Up!
Power Up!
Before
Game is
Over



Date: 03/30/2022



Time: 6:30 to 8:00 PM



Location :

**Walla Walla Community College
Water & Environmental Center
Water Center Drive
See enclosed map**

Local Resources Cookies

Spanish Translation

A Free Bag to the first 60 Families!



Over 20 Local Agencies Serving Individuals With Disabilities:

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) | Valley Residential Services | Walla Walla Valley Disability Network | Parent to Parent | Valley Transit | Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) | Goodwill | Lillie Rice Center | Opportunity Services | Department of Community Health | Walla Walla Public Schools | Functional Behavior Solutions | WSU ROAR Program | Blue Mountain Therapeutic Riding | Walla Walla City Parks and Recreation | Blue Mountain Industries | Adult Residential Services | Social Security Administration | Department of Social and Health Services | Walla Walla Community College | Special Olympics | DD Endowment Trust Fund | The Place | College Place Public Schools | Blue Zones

For more information visit our website:
www.dn.org

College Place and Walla Walla Public Schools do not sponsor or endorse this event, and the districts assume no responsibility for it.



INTRODUCTION LETTER SENT TO FAMILIES / COLLEAGUES



WALLA WALLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

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June 1, 2022

Dear Prospective Job Foundations Participant:

Congratulations! You are about to begin your second to last year of high school and are likely discussing your transition plans. As a student who is enrolled in the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), you are eligible for the Walla Walla – Columbia County Developmental Disabilities Job Foundations program. This is a new opportunity to help prepare you to find a job in your last year of school. We hope your participation in Job Foundations will result in a partnership with you, school staff, and one of our contracted Employment Agency staff to help create a bright future for you.

To proceed, you will need to take the following step:

- **Complete and return the Job Foundations application to:**
Walla Walla – Columbia County DD Program
Attn: Cindy Wolski
314 West Main Street – P.O. Box 1753
Walla Walla, WA 99362

After we receive your application and upon acceptance into the program, a list of available Job Foundations support agencies will be sent to you. Our Transition Specialist, Angie Witt, is available to assist you with the application.

Attached is a brief outline of how school staff, DVR and employment agency will work with you in your last two years of high school. The goal is to have you placed in a job in your last year of high school.

If you are interested in more information, or have questions, please contact us below:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CW".

Cindy Wolski
DD Program Coordinator
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Attachment

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MEET WITH:

- Special Education Director
- Transition Teacher at our local High School
- REACH Teachers
- Resource Room Teachers
- DVR
- County Coordinator
- Families interested in Job Foundations whose students graduate/who turn 21 in 2024.
- Employment Providers



WHAT IS NEXT:

- Transition/Job Foundation clip in each monthly newsletter through Parent to Parent
- Continue to meet with agencies and families to spread the word of job foundations
- Share at monthly Adult Service Delivery Team Meeting and DD Sub committees in Walla Walla and Columbia County
- Meet with school personnel, i.e. Transition teacher, special education director
- Share information and resources on our website at www.vdn.org
- Mail out flyers to our 450 families on our mailing list



SPANISH SPEAKING FAMILIES

- Passing information in Spanish to parents
- Looking for potential businesses
- Translating letters to parents
- Meetings to explain acronyms

Barriers:

Culturally our families BELIEVE their children with disabilities are babies, unable to work or being independent.

Live by their own is unthinkable!.



***JOB FOUNDATION
& TRANSITION
COMMUNITY OF
PRACTICE***

Benton/Franklin
County

Debbie Chapman

Community & Families

- Schools (teachers, staff...)
- Parent 2 Parent
- Parent Coalitions
- Healthcare providers
- Referrals from Friends and Families
- PTA
- WSU Extension (4-H, FFA...)
- Libraries

Contact Information

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