

Summary of Responses from 2023 WWVDN Annual Survey
Responses: 67 English, 6 Spanish

1. What county do you live in?

Walla Walla - 64	Columbia - 5	Umatilla - 3	Other - 1
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2. How do you identify yourself? (choose all that apply)

Two-parent household that includes person with a disability - 34	Grandparent caregiver for a person with a disability - 4
Single parent/caregiver household that includes person with a disability - 16	Extended family of someone with a disability - 3
Self-advocate, a person with a disability - 11	Parent of person with a disability who lives outside the family home - 1
Professional or service provider - 14	

3. In what age category is the individual(s) with a disability in your family?

0-3 yrs	0	7-10 yrs	5	19-40 yrs	32	No one w/ disability	7
4-6 yrs	4	11-18 yrs	22	Over 40 yrs	8		

4. If school-aged, what school does the individual with a disability attend?

Berney Elem - 2	Rogers - 1	Pioneer MS - 1	WaHi - 10	Weston-McEwen HS - 1
Prospect Point - 1	Davis Elem - 3	Lincoln HS - 3	WaHi STEP - 2	College Place HS - 1
Homeschool - 2				

5. If you use social media, on which platform(s) would you like to see information from WWVDN, SOAR, or Parent to Parent about events and activities in the WW Valley area?

Facebook - 59	Twitter - 3
Instagram - 13	Do not use social media - 10

6. How did you hear about WWVDN?

Friend - 39	Social Media/Internet - 10	School - 9	Medical/Doctor - 4
My job - 4	Present when it started - 4	P2P/WWVDN - 3	Don't remember - 2
Birth to Three - 1	Carla Nibler - 1	Family member - 1	Word of mouth - 1

7. How are you being supported in your community? (choose all that apply)

WWVDN/P2P - 50	Lillie Rice - 2	Step Ahead Learning - 1	Birth to 3 - 1
DDA - 37	Children's Home Soc. - 2	Valley Residential Svcs - 1	Church - 1
DVR - 15	Aging/Long Term Care - 2	Palliative Care - 1	DSB - 1
Social Security - 1	I have no idea what supports are available for my family - 1		

8. Have you been trained to be a volunteer Helping Parent through the Parent to Parent program?

Yes - 18	No - 54
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9. What is your status with DDA (Developmental Disabilities Administration)?

Eligible & receiving paid services - 31	Eligible, but not receiving paid services - 7
Not eligible or denied services - 9	Have not applied - 12

10. How have Parent to Parent or WWVDN programs affected your family's quality of life?

Greatly - 39	Moderately - 10	Minimally - 7	No affect - 2	Just starting - 2
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11. What causes you worry or concern, either now or for the future?

Social Connection - 43	Finances - 26	None of the above - 7
Employment - 40	Medical Issues - 20	Housing - 6
Community Inclusion - 38	School issues - 17	Access to therapy - 1
Daily Activities (filling time) - 36	Transportation - 17	Mental Health - 1
Being bullied or hurt when out in the community - 1		
All of it is a concern, especially after the parent or caregiver passes away - 1		
Unresponsive and vindictive SSA administration - 1		

12. Of the programs WWVDN provides, which do you attend? (choose all that apply)

Social Events - 39	Trainings or Workshops - 20	Volunteer at events - 1
Recreation Events - 37	None of the above - 12	
Support Meetings - 23	Ability Walk & Roll - 1	

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

Autism	34	Mental Health / Behavior	1
Intellectual Disability	22	Traumatic Brain Injury	1
Learning Disability	20	Tourette Syndrome	1
Down syndrome	13	Cervical Dystonia	1
Rare Chromosomal Disorder	7	ADHD / Developmental Disability	1
Seizure Disorder	7	Muscle Atrophy	1
Blind / Vision Impairment	6	ALS	1
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	4	Dyspraxia (Speech Disorder)	1
Cerebral Palsy	2	Chiari Malformation	1
Heart Condition	1		

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

Parent/Caregiver gatherings during SOAR events so parents can meet while our kids/adults are at SOAR events.
More info on applying for SSI/How to help our children with autism rigidity/ocds
Doing a great job
Maybe easy cooking, simple sewing, (for maybe 10 up) money management, budgeting
Maybe more activities for older active kids?
Please keep offering what you're offering
More young kids activities. The program really is lacking for young kids
Longer softball season!
sex education, how to cope with internet relationships, avoid being taken advantage of online and cyber bullying etc.
n/a just want a spot to give kudos to you all for having bilingual programs, newsletter, email, survey...way to go
Nothing at this time.
Game Club for kids younger than the SOAR group where they can play board games and socialize.
Outdoor social event (because, covid!)
Can't think of anything

<p>more info for families about how to transition your child out of the house into their own living environment, (how to move out with support as you grow) ALSO why are more persons with disability not REGISTERED VOTERS, they have the same rights as everyone else</p>
<p>Continue with social/recreational opportunities.</p>
<p>Diferentes materiales para tratar con los niños con autismo. (Different materials to deal with children with autism.)</p>
<p>Más días de actividades con los adultos y clases de comunicación, como lenguaje en señas para los padres y sus hijos que no son verbales. (More days of adult activities and communication classes, such as sign language for parents and their non-verbal children.)</p>
<p>Life Skills</p>
<p>Nothing there are so many great programs.</p>
<p>Mas programas para niños con autismo (More programs for children with autism)</p>
<p>More employment strategies.</p>
<p>Self-advocacy skills for young adults - asking for help, saying no to others, identifying and sharing what is bothering them, etc.</p>
<p>Nothing - been part of Parent to Parent for years - it has been very helpful - Thank you</p>
<p>More nature activities. Ski Bluewood would be amazing!</p>
<p>as a representative payee, I feel our local SSA office has provided no information about how to avoid ensnarement in the many SSI traps set. They are understaffed and unresponsive. I'm told to fax or mail stuff in as if it were the dark ages. I'd like to make certain all wvvdn rep payees know about how ABLE accounts make swiss cheese of the usual resource limitations.</p>
<p>I would like to have more activities involving adult tricycles. My daughter really enjoyed riding the tricycle. Also, I want to take the opportunity to thank Tash Foxe and Isabel Fuentes for all their help and hard work. Tash has been an amazing director. I appreciate all the activities and events that she has planned for then kids. I really hope we can keep Tash in our program for a long time.</p>
<p>Más días de actividades, recreacion, y entrenamientos para nuestros hijos. El programa SOAR es maravilloso!! Gracias, gracias gracias. ❤️ (More days of activities, recreation, and training for our children. The SOAR program is wonderful!! Thank you thank you thank you. ❤️)</p>