

January 2024

509-634-2733

**+ WHAT IS ADA?**

The American Disability Act (ADA) is a federal civil rights law passed in 1990. This law prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in everyday activities.



# Vocational Rehabilitation

**Special points of interest:**

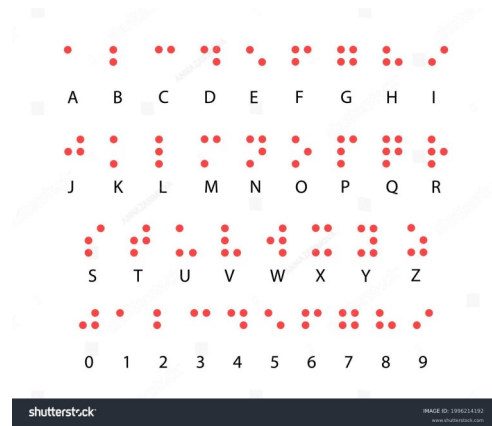
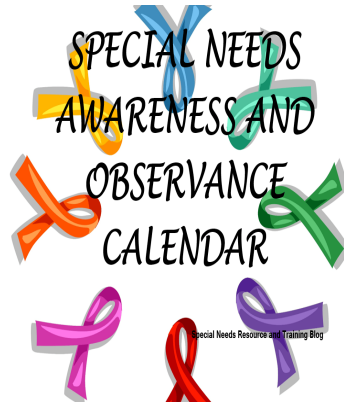
**Culture Group All welcome Thursday Omak VR 4:30— Dinner provided and some supplies if needed—Dottie 422-7402**

**Friday Jan 12th PSIS 50th Anniversary Celebration 509-422-7591**

**January 15th Martin Luther King JR DAY**

**Job skills training 10AM Tues and Thursday TANF Office**

**Mon and Wed Government building TANF 10 AM – Daryl Toulou 634-2921**



**January**

**National Birth Defects Month**

National Birth Defects Awareness Month is an opportunity for us to raise awareness and share birth defects prevention tips.

Birth defects awareness is represented by the pink & blue ribbon

The most common birth defects are: heart defects, cleft lip/palate, Down syndrome.

**January 4- World Braille Day**

World Braille Day, celebrated annually on January 4th, marks the birth of Louis Braille, inventor of the braille language. This day is not only a re-

minder of the importance of independence and accessibility for the visually impaired but also highlights the need for inclusive communication formats  
World Braille Day 2024: Theme

"Empowering Through Inclusion and Diversity," emphasises the dedication to establishing a world where individuals with visual impairment are not just acknowledged but actively included in every facet of society.

Washington State Department of Services for the Blind (DSB) provides services for people of all ages who are blind or have low vision in the state of Washington. The agency provides services to more than 2,800 Washington State Residents to help them gain or retain employ-

ment.  
**Independence, Inclusion, and Economic Vitality for individuals with a visual disability.**  
See Voc rehab counselor for a referral Or self referral at this website

<https://dsb.wa.gov/resources/request-services>

**January 20- International Day of Acceptance**

Every year on January 20th, the world comes together to celebrate the International Day of Acceptance (IDOA), bringing us just one step closer to a future where people with disabilities are accepted and included in all facets of life. Let's make it a day to be celebrated by all

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#DAYOFACCEPTANCE





**PRACTICE  
TRADITION,  
BUILD THE  
FUTURE, TRAIN  
FOR  
OPPORTUNITIES**



When you hear your friends arguing after the exam whether the answer was 16 or 16.5 but your answer was Bolivia



<https://www.cct-ene.com/scholarships-grants>

# TERO Training Updates

## TERO JOB DISPATCH

**Mariam Barrow**  
509-634-2729

## Training Requests

**Roberta Bearcub**  
509-634-2719

Coming soon

- Advanced Microsoft Excel
- Small Engine Repair
- Hazwoper and Asbestos training.
- Carpentry and also provide Cabinetry and Countertop training.

## Current RFP listings

Invitation to Residential Bid No. CCT 24.01 [PDF](#).  
Bid held Jan 25, 2024

RFP | Fisheries Education and Outreach | [Closing](#)  
Date Jan 18, 2024 [PDF](#)

## Did you know...

**If you haven't updated your TERO Application in the past 6-months, you may lose eligibility to be dispatched to a project. Please ensure that we have a current application on file so that we can contact you with job and/or training opportunities.**

**TERO Applications and training registrations can be found at Omak TERO/Voc Rehab office 1100 8th ave or 2nd floor Government Building TERO office Nespelem.**

Transfr: Virtual Reality training in the Trades! 300 Career options. Great meeting! Mariam changing the car's oil and Kiana working on Solar installation. Thank you Shannon McGivney



# HIGHER EDUCATION

## **\*DEADLINE DATES\***

- 1st term: Fall - August 1st**
- 2nd term: Winter/Spring- December 1st**
- 3rd term: Spring- February 1st**
- 4th term: Summer- May 1st**

**PO Box 150 Nespelem, WA  
Lucy F. Covington Government Center**

**Southwest Wing- 3rd Floor**

**(509) 634-2779 | Fax (509) 634-2790 | Toll Free 1-888-881-7684**

**Monday - Thursday 7:00am - 5:30pm**

## **LIBRARY Hours of Operation**

### **STAFF HOURS**

**Monday & Wednesday 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM - Nespelem**

**Tuesday 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Nespelem**

**2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM - Keller**

**1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM - Inchelium**

(Keller & Inchelium hours will be adjusted when staffed)

**\*\*Computers are available when staff is in.\*\***

## 7 Key Changes Coming to the 2024–25 FAFSA® Experience

The 2024–25 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form will be available by Dec. 31, 2023—with some big changes for students and families. Read on to learn seven critical ways the experience is changing.

The 2024–25 FAFSA® form will launch in December 2023.

That's right—the FAFSA form will launch by Dec. 31, 2023. The federal deadline to submit the 2024–25 FAFSA form will be June 30, 2025. Some states and colleges have their own deadlines for financial aid, so check for updates at [StudentAid.gov/fafsa-deadlines](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-deadlines). Before you complete the FAFSA form, make sure you know which form you'll need to fill out. You must submit the right form(s) to apply for federal student aid.


- Anyone who provides information on your FAFSA® form will be considered a contributor. Being identified as a contributor on the FAFSA® form won't make your family member responsible for paying for your education costs.
- You must provide consent and approval to be eligible for federal student aid
- You won't be able to access the FAFSA® form without a StudentAid.gov account.
- The formula used to determine your financial aid eligibility is changing.
- You may qualify for additional Federal Pell Grant funds.

Good news: Federal Pell Grant eligibility has expanded to more students.

The maximum Federal Pell Grant award is updated every year. For the 2023–24 award year, the maximum Pell Grant award is \$7,395. The maximum Pell Grant award amount for the 2024–25 award year will be announced in 2024.




Visit: [www.911drivingschool.com](http://www.911drivingschool.com) for class schedules and registration.



**Wenatchee 911 Driving School**  
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East Wenatchee, WA 98802  
509.888.8110  
[wenatchee@911drivingschool.com](mailto:wenatchee@911drivingschool.com)

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**Northwest Justice Project**  
General Contact Information

Call to apply for legal services.

For all counties except King County, call CLEAR at 1-888-201-1014, M-F 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.


In King County, call 2-1-1 M-F 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NJP General Information Line: 1-888-201-1012

Free legal information and self-help publications are available at [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)

[www.njjustice.org](http://www.njjustice.org)  
Executive Director  
César Torres

**Free Legal Services for Native Americans**



Serving the Legal Needs of Washington State's Native American & Alaska Native Communities

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## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

### Our Mission:

The Colville Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program provide culturally appropriate Vocational rehabilitation services to federally recognized tribal members with disabilities. Individuals who have a functional limitation and need assistance obtaining, maintaining, or regaining employment. Services are custom designed to fit each individuals needs. M-TH 7-530

- ◆ 21 Colville Street  
NESPELEM 634-2733
- ◆ 1100 8th Avenue  
OMAK 422-7578

### Who is Eligible:

If you want to go to work and your answer is yes to the following statements, you may be eligible:

- ◆ Do you reside on or near the boundaries of the Colville Indian reservation?
- ◆ Are you an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe?
- ◆ Do you have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment?
- ◆ Are you willing to work on a plan that will help you find suitable employment?

**Start the year with us with this Virtual Training Series! We will be talking about Procedural Safeguards, Mediation, Community Complaint and Independent Educational Evaluation. All happening on January 18th!**

[https://wapave.org/event/online-special-education-virtual-training-series-procedural-safeguards-mediation-community-complaint-independent-educational-evaluation/?instance\\_id=2349](https://wapave.org/event/online-special-education-virtual-training-series-procedural-safeguards-mediation-community-complaint-independent-educational-evaluation/?instance_id=2349)



TRIBAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE US

**PAVE** The Arc  
SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
Join us!

**Special Education Virtual Training Series**

**Topic: Procedural Safeguards, Mediation, Community Complaint, Independent Educational Evaluation**

- ✓ Thursday January 18
- ✓ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Join Zoom Meeting link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7377023071>  
Meeting ID: 737 702 3071



**JOIN**

*“It's okay to take a break and prioritize your mental health.”*

# January

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SHOVELING  
ICICLES  
COMFORTER  
RESOLUTIONS  
WIND  
SKATING  
SNOWPLOW

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6538281/>

*Mental Wellness*  
MONTH

*Be kind to your mind.*



**There are several awareness months celebrated in January — though the five that often get the most attention include National Blood Donor Month, Cervical Health Awareness Month, Mental Wellness Month, Poverty Awareness Month, and Veganuary**