



Greetings. My name is Theresa Van Pelt, I would like to introduce myself as the newly appointed Informing Families Coordinator for Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties.

While embarking on this new role, I continue to serve as Program Manager at PEACE NW, dedicated to supporting families and individuals impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). As a parent of an adult with I/DD, this work is remarkably close to my heart. My areas of expertise include Parent to Parent support, resource navigation, and hosting our Special Celebrations parent group and community events; a group I started in 2015 with five parent volunteers, that now has over 650 families engaged for connection, inclusion, and support.

At PEACE NW, our unwavering motto remains, "The answer is yes, the question is how." This guiding principle echoes my passion for finding creative and compassionate solutions to address the diverse needs of those we support. My goal is to forge impactful connections and provide invaluable resources that enhance the quality of life for individuals and families navigating the complexities of I/DD.

I am eager to learn, engage, and contribute to the collaborative efforts within our shared network. Please feel free to reach out to me at TheresaV@peacenw.org or 360-513-6682.

Warm regards,

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