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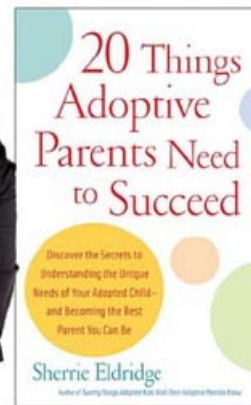
ORPARC is a program of Northwest Resource Associates

November is National Adoption Month Celebrate with ORPARC at our Open House Breakfast

ORPARC will celebrate National Adoption Month by hosting an Open House Breakfast on Thursday, November 19th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. We invite you to join us at our new office:

**2950 SE Stark Street, Suite 130
Portland, OR 97214**

Come and speak with our staff, browse our library, and enjoy breakfast on us! RSVP requested. Call 503-241-0799 or e-mail orparc@nwresource.org.



What Adopted Kids Need to Succeed

*Presented by
Sherrie Eldridge*

Wednesday, October 21st ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
University Place at PSU, 310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland

- ✓ Eligible state adoptive/guardianship families register with ORPARC at 503-241-0799, 1-800-764-8367, or e-mail orparc@nwresource.org.
- ✓ DHS/community partner professionals register with Cascadia Training at 1-800-298-6516 or e-mail cascadia@nwresource.org. \$125.00 charge.



Adoption Connections of Oregon

8th Annual Conference on Adoption

Saturday, November 7, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts of America Building

2525 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Eugene, Oregon 97401

An educational opportunity for adoptive parents, prospective adoptive parents, adoptees, and friends of adoption.

The registration fee is \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a couple. Download a Conference Brochure and Registration Form from www.orparc.org or the ACO website at www.adoptionconnectionsoforegon.org.

11TH ANNUAL Shoulder to Shoulder CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 10, 2009



Oregon Convention Center

777 MLK Boulevard, Portland, OR 97232

Download a complete Conference Brochure and Download a Conference Brochure Registration Form from the ORPARC website at www.orparc.org. You may also register by visiting www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/fostercare/conference/ or call 503-872-5601. ORPARC has limited scholarships available to eligible families. Contact ORPARC at 503-241-0799 or e-mail orparc@nwresource.org for scholarship details.

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November is National Adoption Month

Each year the month of November is a time of celebration for adoptive families nationwide. It is also a time to remember that more than 100,000 children in the United States are currently waiting for their forever families (US Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children & Families, 2007 estimate).



Coalition of Oregon Adoption Agencies is hosting a Free Adoption Fair

Saturday, November 7 ♦ 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

3303 SW Bond Avenue, Portland, OR 97239

(located at the base of the Sky Tram at OHSU Center for Health and Healing)

Celebrate National Adoption Month by attending a Free Adoption Fair. Nearly 25 agencies will have staff on hand to answer questions regarding international, domestic and State of Oregon Department of Human Services Adoption. Breakout sessions will feature:

- International Adoption 1:00pm & 2:30pm
- Open, Domestic Adoption 1:00pm & 2:30pm
- State of Oregon DHS Adoption 1:00pm & 2:30pm
- Transracial Adoption Issues 1:45pm & 3:15pm
- Financing an Adoption 1:45pm & 3:15pm
- Need for Support & Training 1:45pm 3:15pm
- Adoption Medicine 1:45pm & 3:15pm
- Home Studies and Post Placement Services 1:00pm & 2:30pm
- Panel featuring Adult Adoptees & Adoptive Parents from 4:00-5:00 pm

The general public can learn more by visiting the COAA website at www.oregonadoptionagencies.org or by contacting Kathie Stocker at 503-244-2440 ext. 109 or e-mail kathies@holtintl.org. This Adoption Fair is co-sponsored by the Coalition of Oregon Adoption Agencies (COAA) and OHSU Family Medicine Adoption Health Services.



The Heart Gallery of Oregon will present exhibits in the cities of Salem, Hillsboro and Medford during November. Visit www.heartgalleryoregon.org for more information.

Salem

November 1st thru November 30th
Open 8:00-5:00, Monday thru Friday
Department of Human Services
500 Summer Street, Salem, OR
information below

Hillsboro

November 3rd thru November 27th
Open 8:00-5:00, Monday thru Friday
City of Hillsboro Civic Center
150 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR

Medford

October 29th thru November 19th
Rogue Valley Mall in Medford
1600 N Riverside Ave., Medford, OR
Nov. 2nd, 6-7:30 pm: Open House Dessert at Jackson Co. DHS, 909 Royal Court, Medford

The Central Office Adoption Unit at DHS in Salem will be hosting the Heart Gallery exhibits from Portland and Eugene for the month of November. The exhibit will be on display in the main lobby at the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building in Salem for the entire month of November. Information about adoption and fostering children will also be available.

The Heart Galleries of Oregon are a stunning exhibit of portraits capturing the spirit of Oregon children who are awaiting adoption. Since its first exhibit in 2007, the Heart Gallery has had huge success in raising awareness of the need for loving, permanent families for children. The Human Services building is located at the address above.

Adoption Recruitment and Waiting Children Photolistings

- Oregon Special Needs Adoption Coalition (SNAC): Facilitated by A Family For Every Child: Heart Gallery Adoption Agency www.lanecountyheartgallery.org.
- Boys and Girls Aid <http://boysandgirlsaid.org>: Boys & Girls Aid specializes in two types of adoptions, infant adoptions and special needs adoptions.
- Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE) www.nwae.org: NWAE has provided a photolisting service to find families for waiting children from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.
- AdoptUsKids www.adoptuskids.org: The mission of AdoptUsKids is to recruit and connect foster and adoptive families with waiting children throughout the United States.



Celebrate Adoption Potluck

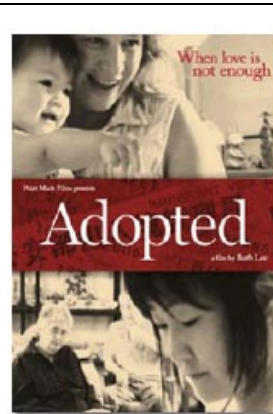
Saturday, November 7, 2009

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church
12755 NW Dogwood Street, Portland

- ✓ Bring a dish or two to share
- ✓ Craft table for kids
- ✓ Entertainment starts at 4:30
- ✓ Dinner served at 5:00

For more information, contact Marcia at 503-231-1463
or e-mail marcia.l.ohlemiller@state.or.us.



Adopted: The Movie

Sponsored by Adoption Mosaic

Thursday, November 12th

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Screening of 2007 documentary at OHSU in honor of National Adoption Awareness Month.

Open to the community, ages 18 and over. For more information, contact Shelise at

info@adoptionmosaic.org.

Watch the trailer at

www.adoptedthemovie.com/adopted-trailer/.

National Adoption Month and National Adoption Day

Visit <http://www.davethomasfoundation.org/our-work/national-adoption-day> for more information

November is National Adoption Month

Today, more than 129,000 foster care children in the United States are available for adoption. They are waiting for a loving family to step forward and open their hearts and homes to adopt them. You can help. Help spread the word about the joys of foster care adoption by ordering your free Foster Care Adoption Awareness Toolkit.

The Toolkit includes everything needed to conduct a simple local campaign, including:

- Ideas for events and awareness activities
- An "11x17" poster designed to dispel misperceptions about the foster care adoption process and waiting children
- "A Child is Waiting: A Step-By-Step Guide to Adoption" - a user friendly, informative and resource-rich guide to foster care adoption
- Tools for making your company adoption friendly
- Media templates on CD-ROM (news releases, fact sheets, events)
- Camera-ready print public service announcements
- Samples of television and radio public service announcements that can be tagged locally with your organization's name
- Ideas for ways individuals, organizations and professionals can support families who have adopted



**National
Adoption Day
Saturday
November 21st**

National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. For nine years, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by working with courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for children in foster care. In 2008, more than 4,000 children were adopted at more than 300 celebrations held in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Celebrate National Adoption Day on November 21, 2009. Visit www.nationaladoptionday.org to learn more or register your event.



The Grand Families of Yamhill County Support Group

“Help It’s Fall and I Need to Get UP!”

Reflections on family, grand-parenting, and never reaching normal

Presented by Shawna Schuh

Thursday, October 15, 2009 ♦ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Newberg Christian Church, 2315 Villa Road, Newberg OR 97132

Contact Lilly Pinneo at 503-550-4616 or Suzanne Thomas at 503-750-9893 or e-mail grandfamiliesofyamhillcounty@yahoo.com for more information.

Oregon Foster Parent Association 2009 Eastern Regional Conference “Empowerment: Renew Your Spirit”

October 23/24, 2009 ♦ Pendleton

Wild Horse Conference Center

72777 Highway 331, Pendleton, OR 97801

A conference for foster, adoptive, and relative parents, staff and community professionals.

ORPARC will deliver the training “Talking with Children about Adoption and Living in Out-of-Home Care” on October 24th from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Download an Agenda & Registration Form from www.orparc.org. Cost is \$25.00 per person. ORPARC has limited scholarships for eligible adoptive/assisted guardianship families.



Building Futures: Secondary Transition to College and Employment **October 26/27, 2009** Salem Conference Center

Building Futures is for anyone who has an interest in supporting individuals with disabilities as they transition from school to life. This includes secondary educators, post secondary educators, vocational rehabilitation counselors, special educators, therapists, counselors, service providers, job developers, and other rehabilitation specialists, and especially secondary students with disabilities and their families. The price for early bird conference registration (until 10/11/2009) is: Student: \$25.00; Parent: \$99.00; Professional: \$99.00; One-Day: \$50.00. Breakfast and lunch provided both days. Visit www.orpti.org for more information.

	Name	Last Name	☎ Telephone
UPDATE: Adoption Assistance and Assisted Guardianship Coordinators	Adoption Assistance Coordinators <i>(Adoptive Families)</i>	Chris Mulligan (existing cases)	A-C 503-945-6729
		Rebecca Luckman (new cases)	A-C 541-757-4121 x271
		Scott Wickline (existing cases)	D-H 503-947-5311
		Lou Schneider (new cases)	D-H 541-889-9194
		Lorri Harris (existing cases)	I-M 503-945-6632
		Carol Caplinger (new cases)	I-M 541-564-4498
		Cathy Reeves	N-R 503-945-5685
		Gayle Bien (existing cases)	S-Z 503-947-5370
		Nancy Lee Stewart (new cases)	S-Z 541-756-5500 x555
	Adoption Assistance Support Staff <i>(Adoptive Families)</i>	Kathy Hook	A-F 503-945-6631
	Courtney Nichols	G-M 503-947-5092	
	Karen Cremer	N-Z 503-945-6642	
Guardianship Program <i>(Guardian Families)</i>	Bonnie Klohs, Specialist	Guardianship 503-947-5371	
	Sue Bakke, Support Staff	Guardianship 503-947-5312	

Newsletter via e-mail?

If you would like to receive our newsletter and mailings via e-mail, e-mail orparc@nwresource.org with your name and address, and write “E-mail Newsletter” in the subject line. Receiving the e-newsletter and other mailings will help ORPARC curb printing & mailing costs.



The Autism Society of Oregon presents Special Education Law and Advocacy Training

Presented by Pete Wright, Wrightslaw

October 29, 2009 ♦ Portland

Ambridge Event Ctr., 1333 NE MLK Blvd., PDX

Register online at www.oregonautism.com or download a Registration Form at www.orparc.org. Cost: \$35/person; \$50/couple, \$65 professional.





What's New?

We invite you to visit our "What's New?" section on the homepage of the ORPARC website and read about updated news, events and resources pertaining to adoptive, foster, guardian and relative care families, ORPARC, DHS, and the greater adoption community. Some "What's New?" announcements include:

ORPARC News

- ✓ Relocation of ORPARC office
- ✓ DHS Budget Cuts Affecting ORPARC

DHS News

- ✓ 11th Annual Shoulder to Shoulder Conference, November 10th
- ✓ Adoption/Subsidized Guardian Payment Update
- ✓ Swine Flu Guidance from Oregon DHS Child Welfare

Current family news, resources, events

- ✓ New website of the Foster and Adoptive Parent Association of Lane County (FAAPA)
- ✓ Oregon Foster Parent Association 2009 Eastern Regional Conference, October 23 and 24, 2009
- ✓ Updated Resources for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- ✓ Autism Society of Oregon Respite Care Program
- ✓ Parent Survey on Special Education by Portland Public Schools
- ✓ Adoption Connections of Oregon initiates Youth Advisory Committee



New Adoptive Family Support Groups

Cove

Adoptive Family Informational Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 ♦ 5:30 p.m.

Cove Library, 606 Main Street, Cove, OR

For additional information, contact Susan Hughes at 541-963-8571 ext. 279 or Cynthia Russell at 541-962-8853.

Tigard

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

3rd Wednesday of the month

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

11535 SW Durham Rd., Tigard, OR

Contact Lindsay Bong of Misty Mountain Family Counseling Center at 503-684-6289 for information.

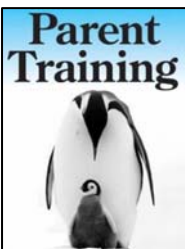
Portland

Newly Adopting Families Group

This group is meeting on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Legacy Emanuel

Hospital. For information, contact Mary at

ladiebug772001@yahoo.com.



Community Partner Trainings

There are numerous upcoming Community Partner trainings and events announced on the ORPARC website for the months of October, November and December. Please visit www.orparc.org and click on "Community Partner Trainings, Announcements and Events" to view training announcements by organizations such as the PSU Child Welfare Partnership, OR Family Support Network, Adoption Mosaic, Adoption Counseling & Educational Services, OR Parent Training & Information Ctr., FASCETS, and more.

Accessing Mental Health Services for Your Child

MMIS Client Materials: The State went live with a new Medicaid Management Information System December 9, 2008. With the new system came changes to the client's medical card and Oregon Health Plan coverage information. The new MMIS Medical Care ID is a wallet sized card that includes the client's name, prime number, and date of issuance, on the front. On the back, the card lists the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) Client Services Unit telephone number and a phone number for DMAP Provider Services. Managed care enrollment information and branch phone numbers are provided on the client's "Coverage Notice." It is important to keep the card and coverage notice on file, as they are not mailed every month. Replacements are available upon request, or following a change in demographic information such as address and name information, and also when there are changes to OHP managed care enrollment.

Obtaining Services: If your child is enrolled in a managed mental health organization (MHO), the MHO is your first point of contact to obtain mental health services. Effective 7/1/2006, most children with OHP coverage through adoption assistance were enrolled into an MHO even when they had a private insurance resource because under the Children's System Change Initiative, MHOs are responsible for authorization and payment for the array of treatment services, including higher level mental health treatment. Changes in the mental health system require families, case managers, and the local MHOs to work together to develop a treatment plan based on the child's needs. *Continued on page 8*



Community Partner 2009/2010 Trainings

Oregon Parent Training & Information Center



Contact OrPTI at 1-888-505-2673, 503-581-8156, or info@orpti.org, www.orpti.org

Date	Training/Workshop	City	Contact
October 12	<i>What Parents Need to Know about the IEP</i>	Baker City	rwortman@orpti.org
October 13	<i>Anxiety and Related Disorders</i>	Beaverton	vhaight@orpti.org
October 13	<i>Response to Intervention and Early Literacy with Lynda Bersani</i>	Albany	lskipworth@orpti.org
October 14	<i>Understanding Autism</i>	Bend	tleonard@orpti.org
October 15	<i>Are We There Yet? Moving to and through Adulthood with a Disability</i>	Astoria	vhaight@orpti.org
October 19	<i>Parental Rights & Responsibilities, supporting your child in special education</i>	McMinnville	lskipworth@orpti.org
October 20	<i>Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE)</i>	Salem	lskipworth@orpti.org
October 21	<i>Understanding Asperger's Syndrome</i>	Beaverton	vhaight@orpti.org
October 21	<i>Behavior in the IEP: Supporting Students, Understanding Systems</i>	La Grande	rwortman@orpti.org
October 21	<i>Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?</i>	Roseburg	lbell@orpti.org
October 22	<i>Are We There Yet? Moving to and through Adulthood with a Disability</i>	Hillsboro	vhaight@orpti.org
October 26/27	<i>Building Futures: Statewide Secondary Transition Conference</i>	<i>See announcement on page 4 of newsletter</i>	
November 2	<i>What Every Parent Needs to Know about the IEP</i>	McMinnville	lskipworth@orpti.org
November 2	<i>Behavior and the IEP: Supporting Students, Understanding Systems</i>	Pendleton	rwortman@orpti.org
November 2	<i>Are We There Yet? High School Transition to Adulthood</i>	Pendleton	rwortman@orpti.org
November 4	<i>What Every Parent Needs to Know about the IEP</i>	Stayton	lskipworth@orpti.org
November 7	<i>Saturday Sessions: A Day of Learning</i> <i>Designed for parents of children with disabilities to learn to navigate special education and prepare your child for the future</i>	Toledo	dbethell@orpti.org
November 7	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? Communicating Effectively with your IEP Team</i>	Hood River	vhaight@orpti.org
November 9	<i>Anxiety and Related Disorders</i>	Baker City	rwortman@orpti.org
November 9	<i>EI, ECSE, IFSP...What Do They Mean?</i>	Lebanon	lkipworth@orpti.org
November 9	<i>Fetal Alcohol Syndrome 101</i>	Lebanon	lskipworth@orpti.org
November 10	<i>Entering Kindergarten from ECSE: Tips for Parents</i>	Portland	vhaight@orpti.org
November 10	<i>IEP Goals: Are Your Child's Adequate and Appropriate?</i>	Albany	lskipworth@orpti.org
November 10	<i>Understanding Autism</i>	Redmond	tleonard@orpti.org
November 11	<i>Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?</i>	Bend	tleonard@orpti.org
November 12	<i>Parent Professional Partnerships: communication awareness & skill building</i>	Monmouth	lskipworth@orpti.org
Nov. 12/13	<i>IEP Partner Training</i>	Toledo	kriplinger@orpti.org
November 12	<i>ABCs and IEPs: Reading and Literacy in the IEP</i>	Portland	vhaight@orpti.org
November 13	<i>Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?</i>	Springfield	maryannbarber.ofsn@yahoo.com
November 16	<i>Are We There Yet? High School Transition to Adulthood</i>	Pendleton	rwortman@orpti.org
November 16	<i>Behavior and the IEP: Supporting Students, Understanding Systems</i>	Pendleton	rwortman@orpti.org
November 16	<i>Moving to and through High School Transition and into Adulthood</i>	McMinnville	lskipworth@orpti.org
November 17	<i>Can You Hear Me Now? Communicating Effectively with your IEP Team</i>	Astoria	vhaight@orpti.org
November 18	<i>Understanding ADHD</i>	Beaverton	vhaight@orpti.org
November 23	<i>Behavior and the IEP</i>	Baker City	rwortman@orpti.org
January 12	<i>ADHD and Aspergers, What's the Same, What's Different?</i>	Albany	lskipworth@orpti.org
January 20	<i>Transition to Kindergarten: What Parents Need to Know</i>	McMinnville	lskipworth@orpti.org
January 21	<i>Becoming an Adult, Age of Majority for Students with Disabilities</i>	Monmouth	lskipworth@orpti.org
February 16	<i>Behaviors and the IEP: Supporting Students, Understanding Systems</i>	Albany	lskipworth@orpti.org
February 24	<i>ECSE Transition to Kindergarten</i>	Monmouth	lskipworth@orpti.org
March 6	<i>Saturday Sessions: A Day of Learning</i> <i>Designed for parents of children with disabilities to learn to navigate special education and prepare your child for the future</i>	Medford	dbethell@orpti.org
April 10	<i>Saturday Sessions: A Day of Learning</i> <i>Designed for parents of children with disabilities to learn to navigate special education and prepare your child for the future</i>	Eastern Oregon	dbethell@orpti.org
April 13	<i>Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?</i>	Albany	lskipworth@orpti.org
April 21	<i>Behaviors and the IEP: Supporting Students, Understanding Systems</i>	Monmouth	lskipworth@orpti.org
May 1	<i>Saturday Sessions: A Day of Learning</i> <i>Designed for parents of children with disabilities to learn to navigate special education and prepare your child for the future</i>	Hood River	dbethell@orpti.org
May 12	<i>Transition Grade to Grade</i>	Albany	lskipworth@orpti.org



Community Partner 2009 Trainings & Events



Annual Harvest Party

Adoption Connections of Oregon

Saturday, October 17

1:00-4:00 pm

Crum Family Farm

25534 Hall Road, Junction City



Come join the fun with plenty of activities. Costumes welcome! Wear weather appropriate clothing ; this event will take place rain or shine! For more information contact Elise at 554-1201 or elisecrum@comcast.net.

Oregon Family Support Network

Collaborative Problem Solving:

The Explosive Child Book Club

October 6 through December 1

Tuesdays, 10-week series in Newberg

Visit www.ofsn.org for more information.

Northwest Adoptive Families Association

Start Your Own Family Traditions

Friday, November 13, 2009, 7:00-8:30 pm

Legacy Emanuel Hospital

Contact Lee at leerball@aol.com to register.

Adoption Mosaic

www.adoptionmosaic.org ♦ info@adoptionmosaic.org ♦ 971-533-0102

All Adoption Mosaic trainings are in Portland

<i>Girls' Activity Group (6-week series for 1st and 6th graders)</i>	10/08-12/09
<i>Sibling (not adopted) Activity Group Parent Orientation.....</i>	October 10
<i>Sibling (not adopted) Activity Group.....</i>	10/12-11/16
<i>Lifestory Books (Collaboration with NAFA).....</i>	October 17
<i>Strengthening Attachment with Your Child (ages 7+).....</i>	October 24
<i>Movie Group (open to the adoption community).....</i>	November 10
<i>Transracial Parenting: Part C.....</i>	November 14
<i>Transracial Adult Adoptee Panel.....</i>	November 14
<i>Transracial Parenting: Part A.....</i>	December 12
<i>African and African-American Hair Care.....</i>	Jan. 3, 17, 31

CWP NetLink Trainings

www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu

<i>Caseworker Contact</i>	October 27
<i>Child Development.... NetLink "AM"</i>	10/29
<i>Transiciones.....</i>	19 de noviembre
<i>Transitions..... Netlink "AM"</i>	11/19
<i>Cargivers and the OSM....</i>	December 15
<i>AD/HD for Caregivers . Netlink "AM"</i>	12/15

Login at 6:00pm, Class begins at 6:30pm (2-2½ hours). View NetLink training instructions at www.orparc.org or <https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us>

Adoption Counseling & Educational Services

www.adoptioncounselingservices.com

<i>Expressive Arts/Process Group for Adopted Teenagers (8-week group discussion)</i>	October 8—November 19
<i>Managing Children's PTSD Symptoms within the Family</i>	October 9—October 30
<i>Children's Social Skills and Self-Esteem Groups; Girls' Group 6-9 years old</i>	October 10—November 7

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Into Action

Presented by Diane V. Malbin, MSW

October 15-17 ♦ 9:00am-4:00pm

The Mark Spencer Hotel, Portland

Registration Form and Conference

Brochure at www.orparc.org →

"Community partner trainings."

Call 503-621-1271 or e-mail

wtemko@fascets.org

Trainings by Tim O'Brien

The Parent Empowerment Program

October 13 through December 15

Tuesdays, 10-week series

Call Tim O'Brien at 503-853-6843

Back to School Parent Empowerment

October 27 through November 17

Tuesdays, 4-week series

Call Debbie Cole at 503-785-8877 or

e-mail debbie.cole@orecity.k12.or.us

H1N1:Preparing for the Flu Season: A Training for Human Service Professionals

Friday, October 16 ♦9:00-11:30 am

Lorenzen Center Auditorium

Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital

301 N Graham, Portland, OR

Sponsored by 211info

Accessing Mental Health Services for Your Child

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What are the benefits of managed mental health vs. the open card-OHP? Under managed care, community based services can be covered; the array of services may include in-home services, care coordination, school-based services, and crisis. These services are not available on the “open card.” In addition, if your child is not enrolled in a mental health plan, payment for psychiatric hospitalization could be denied, therefore limiting access to needed care.

How is my child’s treatment plan designed? Your child’s level of need will be assessed by the MHO, using the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII), a mental health assessment and consideration of other factors, to identify appropriate services. Children and their guardians have the right to participate in decisions and to be actively involved in the development of a treatment plan.

What are my resources? In every MHO a Children’s Care Coordinator is ready to assist you. For help in finding your local contact, please call the phone number on your child’s coverage letter. If you need a new coverage letter, please contact the Client Services Unit 1-800-273-0557.

For children on an “open card” you can find your county contact by contacting your county mental health or on-line at: <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/child-mh-soc-in-plan-grp/main.shtml>. Look for a link about 1/3 of the page down, titled “MHO Children’s System Coordinator and CMHP Children Mental Health Contact.” The OHP members’ handbook can be accessed online at: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/clients/main.shtml>. Point and click on the subject line “OHP Client Handbook.”

Last, and certainly not least, you can always contact ORPARC for assistance at 1-800-764-8367, 503-241-0799 (Portland Metro Area), by e-mail at orparc@nwresource.org, or on the web at www.orparc.org.

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