

## Federal Adoption Tax Credit for Special Needs Adoptions



Some good news for families who adopted children from the foster care system is that there is some tax relief called the Federal Adoption Tax Credit for Special Needs Adoption. This is a one-time paid credit for the year the adoption was finalized, for each adopted child with special needs. The amount of the 2010 adoption tax credit is \$13,170 per child. In 2010, the adoption tax credit became refundable and families who finalized their adoption in 2010—or will finalize an adoption in 2011—are able to use the full credit regardless of their tax liability. And, families who adopted special needs children from 2005 to 2009 can carry the adoption tax credit forward into 2010, so they too can benefit from this refund (amount of the adoption tax credit is based on the year the adoption finalized). We encourage families to consult with their tax preparer or contact the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) with further questions. Visit [www.nacac.org](http://www.nacac.org), email [taxcredit@nacac.org](mailto:taxcredit@nacac.org), or call 1-800-470-6665. *NOTE: NACAC is not a tax professional organization and information provided by NACAC should not be considered to be legal or tax advice.*

Additionally, NACAC has partnered with H&R Block to help adoptive parents determine whether they are eligible to receive additional benefits. Visit [www.nacac.org](http://www.nacac.org) for more information about this partnership.

Please visit our website at [www.orparc.org](http://www.orparc.org) and download the complete document entitled *Federal Adoption Tax Credit for Special Needs Adoption*. You may also call us at 1-800-764-8367 or 503-241-0799 (Portland Metro Area), or email us at [orparc@nwresource.org](mailto:orparc@nwresource.org), and request a hard copy of this document.

## ORPARC's 12th Anniversary How we've grown!

On April 1, 1999, ORPARC opened its doors serving 3,058 state adoptive families. This month we celebrate our 12th anniversary, now offering post-adoption services to 9,130 state adoptive and assisted guardianship families parenting 11,896 children! Our growth has been steady over the years, not only in the number of families served, but also in the number of trainings delivered and the expansion of more than 1,100 material titles in our lending library. We have broadened our statewide collaborative partnerships, as well as our own knowledge, in connecting families with vital community resources. The staff at ORPARC is proud of the post-adoption services we have provided these past 12 years and we hope to be with you many more years to come. As always, we welcome your suggestions, comments, insight and participation. We look forward to our continued relationship in bringing you the highest quality service possible!

### ORPARC provides free post adoption services to state adoptive and assisted guardianship families:

- ◆ Crisis support and intervention
- ◆ Statewide parent trainings
- ◆ Connection to services statewide
- ◆ Lending library on special needs topics
- ◆ Specialized parenting consultation regarding special needs children
- ◆ Assistance to start and maintain adoptive parent support groups



# Grandparent Conferences & Retreats



## Tillamook

### Relative Parents "A Day for You"

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Tillamook Co. Emergency Communication (911) Bldg.  
2311 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141  
✓ Register by calling 503-842-2770  
✓ This summit is for grandparents raising grandchildren  
and other relatives who find themselves parenting again

## Salem

### 6th Annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference

Wednesday, May 5, 2011 ♦ 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
4227 Lone Oak Road SE, Salem, OR  
✓ Register by calling 503-304-3439

## Portland

### 5th Annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Retreat

Wednesday, May 5, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Life Change Christian Church  
3635 North Williams Avenue, Portland, OR 97227  
✓ Call Loriann McNeill at 503-988-3646 for information/registration  
✓ ORPARC will sponsor two workshops: "Estate Planning"  
and "Exploring Bi-racial Identity and Accessing Resources"

## Hillsboro

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Event "A Day For You"

Friday, May 20, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR  
✓ Pre-Registration Required; register by calling 503-846-3089  
✓ Spanish/English language workshop tracks available

## Grants Available from AdoptUSKids to Create Respite Programs

AdoptUSKids has partnered with NACAC to improve availability of and excellence in respite care that includes social and community involvement. Through this program, foster, adoptive, and kinship parent groups and associations will operate community programs in partnership with local public agencies, with a goal of sustaining respite services for years to come.

Between now and July 1, 2011, parent support organizations that meet the eligibility criteria can apply for a mini-grant (\$5,000) to start a respite program. Visit [www.AdoptUSKids.org](http://www.AdoptUSKids.org) for more information.

## Announcing a New Adoptive Parent Support Group in Bend!

Professionally facilitated and guided by Lynne Herbert, LPC

For parents of internationally and domestically adopted children of any age. Receive support and guidance to help navigate the challenges of parenting an adopted child. Topics include: attachment; empathy; acceptance; shame; nurturance; brain development; effects on family and marriage; grief and loss; handling challenging behaviors; and, talking about adoption.



Tuesdays, April 26 & May 31, 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Attachment Center of Central Oregon, LLC  
1183 NW Wall Street, Suite D, Bend, OR 97701  
Childcare not provided; requested donation of \$15/person  
To register call Lynne at 541-389-5446. Also visit  
[www.AttachCO.com](http://www.AttachCO.com) for more information.



*Save the Date!*

## "Touched by Adoption Teen Camp"

Thursday thru Sunday, June 16-19, 2011  
Eagle Fern Camp, Estacada, Oregon  
[www.choseninternational.org](http://www.choseninternational.org)

Some partial scholarships may be available

## Fetal Alcohol & Other Neurobehavioral Conditions Understanding & Application of a Brain-based Approach Presented by Diane V. Malbin, MSW

Thursday thru Saturday, June 23-25, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Mark Spencer Hotel, Portland, Oregon

For parents and professionals who live and/or work with children, adolescents, or adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders or other neurobehavioral conditions. The cost of the 3-day training is \$325.00. Contact Wendy Temko at 503-621-1271 or email [wtemko@fascets.org](mailto:wtemko@fascets.org) for registration/information. Sponsored by FASCETS ([www.fascets.org](http://www.fascets.org)).

# ORPARC Trainings

Visit [www.orparc.org](http://www.orparc.org) for updates

Register for trainings at:

☎ 503-241-0799 ☎ 1-800-764-8367

✉ [orparc@nwresource.org](mailto:orparc@nwresource.org)

## Understanding and Addressing Behavior Problems in Special Needs Adopted Children and Youth

Presented by *Dr. Richard Delaney* ♦ 6.5 CEUs provided @ \$25.00; request at registration

**Tuesday, April 26, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Registration at 8:30 a.m.)**

Evergreen Federal Bank's Bear Hotel, 2101 NE Spalding Avenue, **Grants Pass, OR 97526**



Adopted children who have experienced complex histories show many externalizing (acting out) behavior problems as well as internalizing problems. This webinar presentation will address a wide range of behavior problems including: lying and manipulation; defiance; verbal aggression; violation of family norms; peer problems; tantrums; physical aggression; destruction of property; stealing; running away; rejection of affection; sexual acting out; fire-setting; enuresis; and, over-compliance. The workshop will zero in on ways to understand and address these challenging behavior problems. Many concrete examples will be used to illustrate this approach.

## Brain Gym: Helping Your Child Succeed in School Regardless of Their Learning Differences or Disabilities

Collaborative training of ORPARC & Swindells Resource Center ♦ This is a two-day seminar for parents only

Presented by *Carla Judge, M.A.T.* ♦ 12 CEUs provided @ \$25.00; request at registration

**Friday and Saturday, June 3-4, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

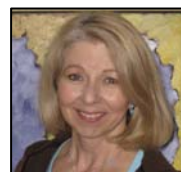
Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Souther Auditorium

East Pavilion, 1st Floor, 9205 SW Barnes Road, **Portland, OR 97225**

Registration available on April 15 ♦ Register early; only 25 spaces available

**Registration:** Call 503-215-2429 or visit [www.providence.org/childcenter](http://www.providence.org/childcenter)

Movement helps children learn. Discover simple moves you can teach your child that will improve their ability to listen, keep focused and learn to read, write, and follow directions more successfully at school and at home.



## Impact of Abuse, Trauma and Neglect on Child Neurodevelopment

Presented by *Dr. David Willis* ♦ 6.5 CEUs provided @ \$25.00; request at registration

**Friday, June 17, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Registration at 8:30 a.m.)**

Department of Human Services, 4600 25th Avenue NE, **Salem, OR 97301**

*Se proveerá  
interpretación  
en español*

Exciting new brain research indicates that positive relationships can rewire and repair the damage from trauma, abuse, and alcohol/drug-related neurological disorders. Compare normal childhood development and its tasks with development clouded by abuse, neglect, and trauma. Learn about intervention strategies such as affect regulation, Circle of Security, sensory integration, early identification of neurodevelopmental profile risk, parent education on expected behavioral/developmental patterns, the role of psychopharmacological interventions, and, most importantly, the healing power of relationships. Identify specialized skills to promote positive neurological progress.

### Collaborative Problem Solving

**Tuesday, April 19, 2011**

**9:30 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Department of Human Services

4670 East 3rd Street, **Tillamook**

\*Light breakfast food and drinks provided



### Collaborative Problem Solving

**Saturday, May 14, 2011**

**9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Department of Human Services

119 NE 4th St, Room 5, **Newport**

\*Light breakfast food and drinks provided

### *¡Entrenamiento en español!*

**Manteniendo**

**Relaciones Abiertas**

**Domingo, 12 de junio de 2011**

**2:30 a 5:30 de la tarde**

Departamento de Servicios Humanos

950 SE Columbia Dr., Suite C, **Hermiston**

ORPARC trainings are free of charge to DHS adoptive, assisted guardianship, and foster families, and DHS/SNAC adoption professionals. Depending on the training, others may attend trainings for minimal charge or on a space available basis. Trainings are held in accessible locations. Auxiliary aids and alternative forms of written materials are available to persons with disabilities. Foreign language interpretation available upon request. Request these services two weeks in advance.



# Trainings, Events & Announcements



## Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services PSU Child Welfare Partnership ♦ [www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu](http://www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu)

### METROPOLITAN REGION

April 11 & 25	<i>Positive Behavior Management</i>	Portland	Metro Training Line: 971-673-1822
April 15 & 16	<i>Behavior Crisis Management Training (2 days)</i>	Portland	Metro Training Line: 971-673-1822

### SOUTHERN REGION

Visit [www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu](http://www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu) for training updates

### EASTERN REGION

Visit [www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu](http://www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu) for training updates

### WESTERN REGION

April 20	<i>Transitioning Children with Sensitivity</i>	Salem	503-378-4784, <a href="mailto:erma.s.brundidge@state.or.us">erma.s.brundidge@state.or.us</a>
April 20	<i>Parenting to a Child's Temperament</i>	Oregon City	503-731-4003, <a href="mailto:julia.buzzard@state.or.us">julia.buzzard@state.or.us</a>
27 de abril	<i>Pérdida y Dolor [Español]</i>	Hillsboro	503-277-6667, <a href="mailto:rafael.reynoso@state.or.us">rafael.reynoso@state.or.us</a>

### NETLINK TRAININGS Training instructions & registration at <http://cwpsalem.pdx.edu/distance/resource.htm>

<i>Morning NetLink Trainings</i>	<i>8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Evening NetLink Trainings</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Managing Difficult Behaviors in Young Children</i>	April 28	<i>Managing Difficult Behaviors in Young Children</i>	April 12
<i>Loss and Grief</i>	May 12	<i>Loss and Grief</i>	May 19
<i>Transitioning Children with Sensitivity</i>	June 9	<i>Transiciones con sensibilidad [Español]</i>	14 de junio
<i>Enhancing Teen Attachment</i>	July 14	<i>Supporting Visitation</i>	July 21
<i>Parenting the Child with Special Needs</i>	August 4	<i>Education Rights of Children, Youth</i>	August 9
<i>Collaborative Problem Solving</i>	September 22	<i>Internet Safety for Caregivers</i>	September 15
<i>Relative Caregivers</i>	October 13	<i>10 Tips for Parenting Teens</i>	October 11
<i>Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence</i>	November 3	<i>Toma nota de su trabajo con el DSH [Español]</i>	17 de noviembre
<i>Permanency Options for Caregivers</i>	December 1	<i>Confidentiality for Foster Parents</i>	December 13

## DHS Trainings in Lane County

Gateway DHS Office, 1040 Harlow Road, Springfield, OR 97477 ♦ Call 541-726-6644 ext. 2226 to register

### Caring for the Sexually Abused Child

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011 ♦ 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

*Presented by Sandra McIlhenny*

Children who have experienced trauma of sexual abuse will require additional understanding and supervision. Helping them to heal while keeping them safe is a challenge for foster, adoptive and relative caregivers. This class will help you understand the effect of abuse on children at all developmental ages and will provide some ways to encourage healing and provide safe structure for all in the home.

### Parenting a Child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

**Saturday, May 21, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

*Presented by Jean Vanlue, MA, LPC, LMFT*

Autism spectrum disorders are estimated to affect as many as 1 in 150 children. This training is designed to help you develop a basic understanding of the ways that Asperger's Syndrome and PDD-NOS impact how a child thinks and behaves, and to direct you toward resources that will help you meet the challenges of parenting a child with neurological differences.

## Ethics and Technology: Practicing in a Connected Age

**Monday, May 9, 2011 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232**

We practice in an environment impacted increasingly by computer technologies whether we are comfortable with technology or not. In this training we will use Codes of Ethics to problem solve sample technology-related situations in a lively small group format. The day is designed to be lively and participatory, and meet the ethics and law requirement.

**Price:** \$150.00 per person; 6 CEs available

**Registration:** To register or obtain more information call 1-800-298-6516 or visit [www.cascadia-training.org](http://www.cascadia-training.org).



# Trainings, Events & Announcements



For Children and Youth with Disabilities.

Oregon Parent Training and Information Center (OrPTI) is now a program under the umbrella of the r.i.s.e. Center. For more information about trainings & events, please visit the r.i.s.e. Center website at [www.oregonrisecenter.org](http://www.oregonrisecenter.org).

2288 Liberty Street NE, Salem, OR 97301  
503-581-8156 • 1-888-505-2673 (toll-free)  
503-391-0429 (fax)  
1-888-891-6784 (Special Ed Help Line)  
[info@oregonrisecenter.org](mailto:info@oregonrisecenter.org) (email)

Date	Training/Workshop	City	Contact
April 12, 19	<i>IEP Partner Training (must attend both days)</i>	Island City	<a href="mailto:sshown@oregonrisecenter.org">sshown@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
April 14	<i>Advocacy Tools and Tips</i>	Eugene	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
April 14	<i>Behaviors that Interfere with Learning</i>	Coos Bay	<a href="mailto:jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org">jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
19 de abril	<b><i>Entrenamiento en español</i></b> <i>Cómo prevenir los fallos de comportamiento y lo académico y los sistemas estatales de evaluación: ¿Qué es lo que las escuelas están haciendo y qué deben saber los padres de familia?</i>	Albany	Llame al número 541-967-4624
April 23	<i>Saturday Sessions Mini Conference</i>	Burns	<a href="mailto:sshown@oregonrisecenter.org">sshown@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
April 25	<i>What Parents Need to Know about the IEP</i>	Milwaukie	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
April 26	<i>What Parents Need to Know about the IEP</i>	Newport	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 2	<i>Schoolwide Systems: EBISS &amp; Testing 1-2-3: Stenwide Assessments</i>	Medford	<a href="mailto:jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org">jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 4	<i>What Parents Need to Know about the IEP</i>	Salem	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 10	<i>Behaviors that Interfere with Learning</i>	Albany	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 11, 18	<i>IEP Partner Training (must attend both days)</i>	Lebanon	<a href="mailto:lkipworth@oregonrisecenter.org">lkipworth@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 12	<i>Nothing is Delayed about Puberty</i>	Lakeview	<a href="mailto:jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org">jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 13	<i>Section 504 and IDEA...What's the Same and What's Different</i>	Springfield	<a href="mailto:mayannbarber.ofsn@yahoo.com">mayannbarber.ofsn@yahoo.com</a>
May 16	<i>Bullying: Is Your Child a Target?</i>	Bend	<a href="mailto:sshown@oregonrisecenter.org">sshown@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 17	<i>What Parents Need to Know about the IEP</i>	Astoria	<a href="mailto:vhaight@oregonrisecenter.org">vhaight@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 17	<i>Advocacy Tools and tips</i>	Newport	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 19	<i>Bulling: Is Your Child a Target?</i>	McMinnville	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 24	<i>Behaviors that Interfere with Learning</i>	Brookings	<a href="mailto:jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org">jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 24	<i>The IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act</i>	Beaverton	<a href="mailto:vhaight@oregonrisecenter.org">vhaight@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 24	<i>Schoolwide Systems: Effective Behavioral and Instructional Support</i>	Corvallis	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 26	<i>Behaviors that Interfere with Learning</i>	Eugene	<a href="mailto:tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org">tpaul@oregonrisecenter.org</a>
May 26	<i>Behaviors that Interfere with Learning</i>	Grants Pass	<a href="mailto:jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org">jwiley@oregonrisecenter.org</a>

## 22nd Annual r.i.s.e. Parent Conference

April 29-30, 2011 ♦ Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 SW Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Hosted by the Oregon r.i.s.e. Center

If you are a parent, grandparent, foster parent, or a professional raising or supporting a child or youth with a disability ages birth to 26 years old, this conference has something for you. The primary purpose of this conference is to bring together parents, educators, and health professionals in an atmosphere of cooperation and exploration. The conference program will address issues that intend to expand the capacity of schools and communities, working in partnership with parents and professionals. To promote the partnership of nurturing and advocating for children, youth and young adults with disabilities, with a positive focus on their abilities.

To obtain more information about the conference visit [www.oregonrisecenter.org](http://www.oregonrisecenter.org), email [info@oregonrisecenter.org](mailto:info@oregonrisecenter.org), or call 1-888-505-2673 extension 105.



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## Northwest Adoptive Families Association

### 2011 Conference on Adoption

Friday, April 15th ♦ 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
*Professional Session (5 NASW CEUs)*

- ✓ Treating Children with Attachment Concerns, Gail Hardman-Woung, LCSW
- ✓ Executive Function, Julian Davies, MD
- ✓ The Role of Birth and Adoptive Parents on their Child's Development: Evidence from a Nationwide Adoption Study, Leslie Leve, PhD

Saturday, April 16th ♦ 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
*Parents, Family, Prospective Parents, Adult Adoptees*

- ✓ Building a Healing Environment for our Adopted Teens, Gail Hardman-Woung, LCSW
- ✓ Sleep and Adoption, Julian Davies, MD
- ✓ The Nature & Nurture of the Brain, Julian Davies, MD
- ✓ Moving from Traditional to Therapeutic Parenting, Linda Sheppard, MS
- ✓ Lifestory Books Workshop, MereAnn Reid, MA
- ✓ Transracial Adoption: Racial Identity, Astrid Dabbeni

Visit [www.nafaonline.org](http://www.nafaonline.org) for registration and more conference information

### Strategies for Forming Strong Parent-Child Attachments

*Presented by Ally Burr Harris, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist with The Children's Program*

Friday, May 13, 2011 ♦ 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Portland, OR

For more information contact Lee Ball at [lball@bpa.gov](mailto:lball@bpa.gov) or call 503-612-0582

*Save the Date!*

### NAFA Family Campout

July 15-17, 2011

Barton Park in Clackamas County  
Registration forms at [www.nafaonline.org](http://www.nafaonline.org)



All Adoption Mosaic trainings are in Portland  
971-533-0102 ♦ ✉ [info@adoptionmosaic.org](mailto:info@adoptionmosaic.org)  
☎ [www.adoptionmosaic.org](http://www.adoptionmosaic.org)

Transracial Parenting .....	April 30
Preparing for China Travel Group .....	May 6
Run Mama Run ~ Mother's Day Run/Walk .....	May 8
Lifestory Books Come Alive (4-hour training).....	May 14
Strengthening Attachment with Your Child (0-6 years old) .....	May 14
Strengthening Attachment with Your Child (7+ years old).....	May 15
Movie Group: Adult Adoptee .....	May 17
Lifestory Books Come Alive (2 hours, 3 days).....	May 14 & 24, June 17
Adoption Readiness.....	May 21 & 22
Preparing for China Travel Group .....	June 3
Transracial Adult Adoptee Panel.....	June 4
Adoption Readiness.....	July 23 & 24
Annual Garage Sale Fundraiser.....	August 12 & 13



### Oregon Dad's Day

*Free for dads and male caregivers*

Saturday, April 16 ♦ 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN)  
4285 Claxter Court NE, Salem, OR 97301

Come and meet other dads who walk a similar parenting path. Topics will include: Getting the Male Perspective; Collaboration; Using the WADADS Model in Oregon; and, Leadership Opportunity. Lunch provided. Sponsored by WADADS ([www.wadad.org](http://www.wadad.org)), OFSN ([www.ofsn.org](http://www.ofsn.org)), and The Northwest Family Partnership ([www.nwfamilypartnership.org](http://www.nwfamilypartnership.org)).

## New Support Group in Portland for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren



Beginning mid-April 2011, Impact Northwest's North Portland Senior Center will be offering a Support Group specifically for Grandparents who are raising Grandchildren. Please contact Liisa Heard, Program Supervisor at Impact Northwest's North Portland Senior Center, 503-285-6565 ext. 2, to sign-up and for more information. The support group time and location will be announced. Contact Liisa Heard for more details.



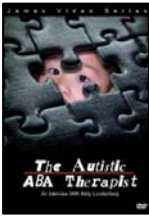
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## 2011 Swindells Child Disability Video Series

Swindells Conference Room, 830 NE 47th Avenue, Portland OR 97213

For more information call 503-215-2429 or email [swindell@prvidence.org](mailto:swindell@prvidence.org)



- ☛ *Against All Odds*, Wednesday, April 20, 12:00 noon  
There is nothing uncommon when a man and a woman get married, except when it is a marriage between two people with Down Syndrome.

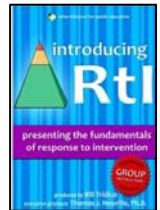
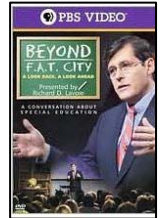
- ☛ *The Autistic ABA Therapist*, Wednesday, May 4, 12:00 noon  
This video interview is a fascinating look into the mind of an autistic person who answers many questions relating to her experiences and how she sees the world.



- ☛ *Inside Dyslexia - A Documentary*, Wednesday, May 18, 12:00 noon  
A video following 3 New York Students in middle and high school who, along with the parents and the teachers, face the day to day challenges, obstacles and triumphs of living and learning with dyslexia.

- ☛ *Beyond F.A.T. City*, Thursday, June 2, 12:00 noon  
This video offers practical strategies for those who teach children with learning disabilities who constantly struggle with Frustration, Anxiety and Tension (F.A.T.).

- ☛ *Introducing RTI: Presenting the Fundamentals of Response to Intervention*, Thursday, June 16, 12:00 noon  
Produced by Bill Tridico. This program serves as an introduction for teachers, school administrators and those in the field of education.



## Ongoing Classes/Events in Clatsop, Marion, Polk, Tillamook & Yamhill

<i>Active Parenting of Teens</i> (8-week class for adults).....	Marion County.....	For information call 503-566-2925
<i>Beyond the Basics—Stress Relief Group Class</i> .....	Woodburn.....	Contact Elizabeth at 971-983-5212
<i>Decisive Parenting: Powerful Tools for Parents of Teens</i> .....	Dallas .....	Call Juvenile Department at 503-623-2349
<i>Families in Action</i> (6-week family education class) .....	Silverton .....	For information call 503-873-0405
<i>Families Talking about Changes</i> (two-session workshop).....	Silverton .....	For information call 503-873-0405
<i>Family Life-skill Development</i> .....	Marion County.....	Contact Jean Lasater at 503-588-5825
<i>Parenting with Love and Logic</i> .....	Silverton .....	For information call 503-873-0405
<i>Parents Night Out</i> .....	Salem .....	For more information call 503-370-8990
<i>Second Time Around</i> (grandparents raising grandchildren).....	Tillamook.....	Contact Ardath Stout at 503-842-8201 ext. 321
<i>Second Time Around</i> (grandparents & other relatives) .....	Silverton .....	For information call 503-873-0405
<i>Social Skills for Children with Asperger's or Autism</i> .....	Easter Seals Therapy Center...	For information call 503-370-8990
<i>Strengthening the Family</i> .....	Silverton .....	For information call 503-873-0405
<i>Teen Tween Canteen</i> .....	Salem .....	For information call 503-566-5762

### Child Behavior Online Study (Ages 5 to 18)

Are you an adoptive or foster parent of a child between the ages of 5 and 18? If so, you are needed to help us to learn more about the effects of drug and alcohol use during pregnancy. This anonymous online research takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and involves answering questions about your child's history and behavior. Parents with children that **were** and also **were not** exposed to cigarettes, marijuana, alcohol, opiates, methamphetamine, or other drugs during early development are needed. Learning & Memory Study: <http://tinyurl.com/yjrfhva>. For more details, please contact Brian Piper, Ph.D., [piperb@ohsu.edu](mailto:piperb@ohsu.edu), Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, Oregon Health and Science University or visit the study web page.

### Neurobehavioral Study (Ages 9 to 11)

Are you an adoptive or foster parent of a child between the ages of 9 and 11? If so, parents with children that **were** and also **were not** exposed to cigarettes, marijuana, alcohol, opiates, or other drugs during pregnancy are needed. This research takes 2-3 hours and involves coming to OHSU to complete computerized learning and memory tests for the child and one interview with parent/legal guardian. Meeting in a study room at the public library in Salem or Eugene could be arranged too. The child will receive a \$50 gift-card from Toys-R-Us. For more details, please contact Brian Piper, Ph.D., [piperb@ohsu.edu](mailto:piperb@ohsu.edu), Dept. of Behavioral Neuroscience, Oregon Health and Science University. Families that have participated in the study for ages 9-11 (just published, email [piperb@ohsu.edu](mailto:piperb@ohsu.edu) for details) are also welcome too.



# Trainings, Events & Announcements



## The Children's Program Spring 2011 Trainings

To register, call 503-452-8022 #1 or register online at [www.childrensprogram.com](http://www.childrensprogram.com)  
7707 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR 97219



- ✓ **Managing Anger: A Workshop for Parents and Children—NEW!** This 4-hour workshop has 2 components: 1) 2-hour parents-only session on 05/15, 9:00-12:00; 2) 2-hour parents and children session, 05/15, 1:00-3:00 pm. \$120.00.
- ✓ **AD/HD Beginners Group for 7-12 Year Olds.** Three Monday evening parent classes (04/18, 05/16, 06/20). Students meet 10 Thursdays, beginning 04/21/2011. Cost of the 13 session package is \$650.00
- ✓ **Social Skills/Friendship Groups.** Current clients should call to express their interest. New families should call to schedule an initial consultation (\$175.00).

### Teens & Drugs: What's the Story?

- ❶ Monday, April 25, 2011 ♦ 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
550 West Regis Street, Stayton, OR 97383
- ❷ Monday, May 23, 2011 ♦ 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Community Connections Center  
3020 Center Street NE, Salem, OR



### Los jóvenes y las drogas: ¿Qué onda?

- ❶ Lunes, 25 de abril ♦ 6:30 a 9:30 de la noche  
Biblioteca de Regis High School  
550 West Regis Street, Stayton, OR 97383
- ❷ Lunes, 23 de mayo ♦ 6:30 a 9:30 de la noche  
Community Connections Center  
3020 Center Street NE, Salem, OR

This is a 3-hour family workshop on adolescent alcohol, tobacco and other drug trends in Oregon, facts about marijuana and other drugs, problem gambling and other addictions, prevention, intervention and resources. The workshop is open to interested community members, ages 12 and up. Parents attend with your teens. To register, call 503-981-2461.

Un taller de 3 horas en total que trata sobre las tendencias del uso de alcohol, el tabaco, y otras drogas en los adolescentes en el estado de Oregon. Se distribuirá información de prevención, intervención y recursos sobre la marihuana y otras drogas y adicciones. Para personas 12 años y mayor. Llame al número 503-981-2462.

## Fostering a Future Scholarship Program



Capital One, Children's Action Network and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption have created a national scholarship program—Fostering a Future. The fund provides the opportunity to pursue higher education to graduating high school seniors who were adopted from foster care at 13 or older. The fund was created in hopes of encouraging prospective parents to adopt older youth and alleviate concerns about the possible financial obligations involved. Applications are currently being accepted and must be postmarked no later than **April 20, 2011**. For more information or to download the application, visit the following website: [www.childrensactionnetwork.org](http://www.childrensactionnetwork.org).

### 2011 Summer Camp Guide

ORPARC's 2011 summer camp guide will be available after May 1st. Please visit the ORPARC website at [www.orparc.org](http://www.orparc.org) to download the guide or contact us at 1-800-764-8367, 503-241-0799 (Portland Metro Area), or email [orparc@nwresource.org](mailto:orparc@nwresource.org) to receive a hard copy.



### Newsletter via email?

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