Adoptive Parent Advisory Meetings
ALL Adoptive Parents are ORPARC Advisors!

ORPARC cordially invites adoptive parents to join us at one of the sites listed below for an “advisory” session. This is an opportunity to meet other adoptive parents in your area, to learn of available resources, and to give input into planning future ORPARC trainings and services.

Upcoming Advisory Meetings

Thursday, April 24, 2003 – PORTLAND
N Portland Branch Library – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
512 N Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97217

Friday, April 25, 2003 – BEND
Royal Blend Coffee – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
744 NW Bond Street, Bend, OR 97701

Thursday, April 30, 2003 – PORTLAND
Belmont Branch Library – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
1038 SE 39th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214

Wednesday, May 14, 2003 – SALEM
Sassy Onion – 1:00 p.m. (at 12th & State)
1244 State Street, Salem, OR 97301

Upcoming ORPARC Trainings

U Preparation for Adulthood
U Tips for Parenting Children Who Learn Differently
U Discipline, Consequencing & Crisis Intervention
U Attachment In Adoption
U Fostering or Adopting Children Who Have Experienced Trauma

ORPARC has a limited number of tuition reimbursement scholarships available to adoptive families to help them attend the above NACAC conference and FASCETS trainings/support groups. Call or e-mail ORPARC to inquire.
In the Library

Non-Return Items

Did you know that ORPARC has library items that do not have to be returned? Over the years we have compiled a couple of file drawers worth of articles gleaned from periodicals whose publishers have granted us permission to copy and redistribute them. We can send you photocopies of these previously published magazine articles on the following and more topics.

ADD/ADHD
Adoption – General
Adoption – Grief and Loss
Adoption – Identity Adolescence
Adoption – Talking with Children
Adoption Assistance – DHS
Allegations
Attachment
Autism
Bed Wetting
Bipolar Disorder
Death of Children
Depression
Depression/Suicide Prevention
Discipline
Disruption and Dissolution

We also have the excellent Trying Differently Rather Than Harder, a booklet on fetal alcohol exposure by Diane Malbin, and SenseAbilities, a booklet on understanding sensory integration.

And, of course, you can always get the ever-popular Information Packets. These multi-page packets were created, compiled or modified from existing packets by ORPARC staff with the special needs of our adoptive families in mind.

ADD/ADHD
Adopted Youth Support Group
Attachment
The Child Who Has Been Sexually Abused
Dealing With Sexually Acting Out Behaviors In Children
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder
The Physically Abused or Neglected Child
Self-Destructive Behaviors
Substance Abuse
Youth Depression and Suicide Prevention

For a complete list of library materials, please visit our website at www.orparc.org, or call us to request a hard copy, or e-mail us to request an electronic copy.

Parents Can Educate Educators!

ORPARC also has a collection of excellent videos for parents and teachers. These include:

- FAS: The School Years
- Worth the Trip
- Students Like Me
- "Students Like Me," with her child's fifth grade teacher received this response: "That video was so helpful – not only for my understanding your child, but for my helping other students as well."

“Preparation for Adulthood” 

AND

“Tips for Parenting Children Who Learn Differently”

Coo Bay/North Bend, April 5, 2003
10:00-12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
2025 Sheridan Avenue, North Bend, Oregon 97459

“Discipline, Consequencing & Crisis Intervention”

Bend - April 26, 2003
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Check-in at 9:30 a.m.)
Central Oregon Environmental Center
16 NW Kansas Avenue, Bend, Oregon 97701

“Attachment In Adoption”

Medford - May 3, 2002
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Smullen Center
2825 East Barnett Road
Medford, Oregon 97504

“Fostering or Adopting Children Who Have Experienced Trauma”

Grants Pass - May 13, 2003
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
726 NE 7th Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Parents raved about this training! The following are some parent comments:

C "A great speaker with information that every adoptive and foster parent should hear."
C "Helpful content...and easy to listen to."
C "Gray was excellent – she gave many practical applications."

To register contact ORPARC at 1-800-764-8367 or 503-241-0799, or email to orparc@nwresource.org. Free to state adoptive and foster parents and state adoption staff. A nominal fee will be charged to all others. Childcare and Travel Reimbursement are available as funds allow. All events sponsored by ORPARC are held in accessible locations. Auxiliary aids, translation/interpretation services and alternative forms of written materials are available to persons with disabilities. Please request these services at least two (2) weeks in advance.

For a complete list of library materials, please visit our website at www.orparc.org, or call us to request a hard copy, or e-mail us to request an electronic copy.