Attachment-Focused Therapy: Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy with Dan Hughes, Ph.D. Thursday, December 6, 2007
See Page 3 for further details on registering for this training

Children with serious psychological problems secondary to histories of abuse, neglect, and/or multiple placements provide a serious challenge to parents and therapists. For the past 20 years Dr. Hughes has specialized in the treatment of children who manifest serious deficits in their emotional, cognitive, and behavioral development, and at the same time demonstrate considerable difficulty establishing and maintaining secure attachment relationships.

Dr. Hughes’ treatment is family based and focused on facilitating the child's ability to establish a secure attachment with his/her caregivers. Developmental attachment theory and research is the primary model for relationship development and trauma resolution. Dr. Hughes blends various approaches in his treatment modality. He actively communicates empathy and acceptance of the individual child while providing him/her with the comforting and containment needed to explore and resolve past trauma and shame-related experiences. At the same time he actively facilitates the child's ability to form positive, reciprocal relationships with his/her parents. Within the safety of these relationships, the child is able to finally face and resolve his/her past traumas, and, as the child gradually develops a secure attachment with his/her caregivers, (s)he develops a positive and integrated sense of self.

Dr. Hughes received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Ohio University, with a clinical internship at the University of Rochester Medical School. He is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA), the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), and the Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children (ATTACH). He consults with various mental health, social service, and residential treatment agencies in Maine and in other states and countries. Dan is the author of Facilitating Developmental Attachment (1997) and Building the Bonds of Attachment, 2nd Ed 2006, both published by Jason Aronson Publishing Company. He conducts weekly training sessions for therapists at Colby College in Waterville, ME, every summer.
November features a month-long display of compelling portraits of adoptable Oregon children from the Heart Gallery of Oregon. The Heart Gallery is based on the simple truth that a picture is worth a thousand words. Dozens of professional photographers have donated their time and talent to capture the spirit and personality of foster children who are waiting to find a forever home. The photos will be displayed at Powell’s Basil & Hallward Gallery.

Join us on Thursday, November 1st
ORPARC Open House…and…Heart Gallery Educational Forum
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Forum begins at 7:30 p.m.
Open House for adoptive families & professionals hosted by ORPARC!
Stop by the ORPARC office to meet our staff and browse our library before attending the Heart Gallery forum at Powell’s. Our office is conveniently located on the MAX line in front of Pioneer Square. Parking Garages are also nearby for easy access to both ORPARC and Powell’s. Please call us for directions & information. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

November is National Adoption Month

National Adoption Day is November 17, 2007
National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the 114,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. For the last eight 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. Voice for Adoption is a collaborating organization of National Adoption Day. The National Adoption Day website has information about ways to participate in events in your area, and also allows organizations to register the events that they are planning. Visit www.nationaladoptionday.org for more information.

Lane County Event
Heart Gallery of Lane County
2nd Annual Opening Event
Sunday, November 4th ~ 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Hilton Eugene & Conference Center
66 E 6th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401
For more information please visit www.afamilyforeverychild.org

Newsletter via email?
If you would like to receive our newsletter and mailings via e-mail, please call us or email orparc@nwresource.org with your name, address and email. Receiving the newsletter helps us curb our printing and mailing costs so that we can better serve families in other ways.
ORPARC Fall Trainings

METROPOLITAN REGION

Attachment-Focused Therapy: Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy
Presented by Dan Hughes, Ph.D.
Thursday, December 6, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; check-in at 8:30 a.m.
University Place Hotel & Conference Center
310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland, OR 97201
This is a collaborative training between ORPARC and Cascadia Training. Registration for families and professionals varies:

✓ Training is free-of-charge to eligible state adoptive and assisted guardianship families. Register with ORPARC by calling 1-800-764-8367 or email ORPARC at orparc@nwresource.org.

✓ DHS and SNAC professionals may attend free-of-charge on a “space available” basis only. Otherwise, you may guarantee a space by registering with Cascadia Training for a fee of $135.00.

✓ Community Professionals register with Cascadia Training. Registration fee is $135.00; CEUs are an additional $15.00. Register online at www.cascadia-training.org, email cascadia@nwresource.org, or call 1-800-298-6516.

EASTERN REGION

Parenting Children with Fetal Alcohol Effects and other Challenging Behaviors
Presenter: Melissa Smith-Hohnstein, Kinship House
Wednesday, November 14, 2007  6:00-8:30 p.m.
Milton-Freewater DHS Office Meeting Room
309 N Columbia St., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862
Register with Janelle Woody at 541-938-5658 or email Janelle at janelle@horizonprojectinc.com
✓ Potluck dinner
✓ Milton-Freewater Relatives as Parents Support Group

Talking to Kids about Adoption
Presenter: Melissa Smith-Hohnstein, Kinship House
Thursday, November 15, 2007  6:00-8:30 p.m.
Department of Human Services
950 SE Columbia Drive, Hermiston, OR 97838
Register with Irma DeAnda at 541-564-4493 or email Irma at irma.deanda@state.or.us
✓ No childcare available ✓ Pizza dinner provided
✓ Umatilla County Foster/Adoptive/Relative Parent Educational Support Group

WESTERN REGION

Long Term Success in Adoption
Tuesday, October 23, 2007  12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
DHS, Human Services Building
500 Summer Street, Room 137C, Salem, OR 97301
Register with Roberta Lincoln at 503-947-5214
✓ Adopting-Oregon’s Kids ~ A-OK ~ Support Group

Talking with Children about Adoption
Wednesday, October 24, 2007  6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Tigard City Hall, Town Hall Room
13125 SW Hall Boulevard, Tigard, OR 97223

ORPARC trainings are free-of-charge to DHS/state adoptive, foster and assisted guardianship families, and DHS/SNAC adoption professionals. Others may attend trainings for minimal charge and/or on a space available basis. Childcare and travel expense reimbursement are offered to ORPARC eligible families as funds allow (state adoptive and assisted guardianship families); please request childcare and travel reimbursement upon registration. Trainings are held in accessible locations. Auxiliary aids and alternative forms of written materials are available to persons with disabilities. Foreign language interpretation is available upon request. Please request these services two weeks in advance.

Forever Fingerprints: An Amazing Discovery for Adopted Children
This amazing book can help adoptive parents open this communication with their children. Author Sherrie Eldridge, an adoptee herself, has marvelous insight to share with adoptive parents and children. This book honors children’s pasts and will help parents support their child’s own healing process through the story and with parent tools and activities. Sherrie Eldridge and her publisher have designed a program to help children around the U.S. discover adoption. Visit the web site www.emkpress.com/fingerprintreading.html to receive details of how you can receive a free book if you volunteer to read it at your local library on Saturday, November 17, 2007 for National Adoption Day.

Register for trainings at:
✆ 503-241-0799  ☎ 1-800-764-8367
E-mail orparc@nwresource.org
## Community Partner Trainings and Conferences

### PSU Child Welfare Partnership Trainings ➔ [www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu](http://www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu)

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### Families in Action

**Mondays, Oct. 15-Nov. 19, 2007 • 6:15-8:30 p.m.**

Silverton Methodist Church

203 W Main Street, Silverton, OR 97381

Sponsored by Silverton Together ➔ [www.silvertontogether.com](http://www.silvertontogether.com)

A 6-session course for the entire family designed to help parents and teens improve communication and learn how to deal positively with the pressures facing youth today. For more information call Silverton Together at 503-873-0405. Fee of $20.00 per family is required.
Community Partner Trainings and Announcements

Adoption and Foster Awareness Teacher Inservice
Friday, October 12, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Holt International Children Services,
1195 City View, Eugene, OR 97402
Presented by Adoption Connections of Oregon
www.adoptionconnectionsoforegon.org
For more information call Sue Barnhart at 541-342-1953 or email jelliot2@lane.k12.or.us.

Adoption Counseling and Educational Services (ACES)
✔ Single Mom's Workshop ~ Sat., Oct. 13th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
✔ Making Connections to Enhance Your Resilient Child's Attachment to You
Adoptive parent support and education group
Tuesdays, Oct. 15th through Nov. 26th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
✔ Quarterly Workshops for Adopted Girls
Please visit www.adoptioncounselingservices.com or call 503-522-0839 for more detailed information on classes and workshops offered by ACES. Directions to the workshops/groups are on the services page of the ACES web site. ACES therapists hold a one-year post-graduate certificate in Adoption Therapy.

Transracial Parenting Series
Presented by Adoption Mosaic ~ www.adoptionmosaic.org
3 Workshops: A, B and C; may be taken in any order
Cost: $40 per person or $70 per couple
October 20 (B) • November 17 (C) • December 15 (A)
The decision to adopt across cultural and racial lines is a lifelong commitment to exploring matters of race, confronting racism in all its forms, and developing new skills and awareness. This series of three workshops will help you to identify assumptions, provide you with tools and resources, and create a sense of confidence as you explore your future as a transracial family.
For more information, visit www.adoptionmosaic.org.

Strengthening Rural Families: Rural Parenting Initiative
Rural Parenting Initiative (RPI) is a rurally-based parent education program that promotes the development of healthy families in rural Benton County, Oregon through education, family activities, and community connections. RPI provides parenting classes, family support services, and focused trainings and workshops.
For more information visit www.ruralfamilies.org.
1620 Applegate St., Rm. 21, Philomath, OR 97370 ☎ 503-929-2535

Adoption Connections of Oregon (ACO) 5th Adoption Conference
November 9-10, 2007 • Holt International, 1195 City View, Eugene, OR 97402
This Eugene event is a unique educational opportunity for adoptive parents, prospective adoptive parents, adoptees, and all friends of adoption. Sliding scale donation of $5.00 to $15.00 requested. For further information and registration details, visit www.adoptionconnectionsoforegon.org.

Friday, November 9th ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
✔ Talking about Adoption with Your Child Using Children’s Movies
✔ Children’s Video Viewing & Facilitated Discussion
Saturday, November 10th ~ 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Several presentations for adults on adoption-related topics: school issues, communicating with your teachers, adoption in the media, panel of adult adoptees.

Announcing the release of A Resource Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children in Oregon
A publication by Oregon State University Extension Service, AARP and the Brookdale Foundation, this is a free publication containing a wealth of resources in Oregon. It includes information on meeting the physical, emotional and behavioral needs of your relative child, to working with DHS Child Welfare, to assistance for families and resources. Request a free copy from the ORPARC library.

Classes sponsored by Samaritan Counseling Centers
Samaritan Counseling Centers offers several parenting, recovery, and relationship classes. Please visit www.sccpdx.org/sys/classeslist/ for a detailed list of upcoming classes.
Information & Advice for Adoptive Families

Recently Passed Legislation on Higher Education to Benefit Children Adopted from Foster Care

On September 27, President Bush signed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (HR 2669), which includes the Fostering Adoption to Further Student Achievement Act amendment—legislation that makes it possible for teens in foster care to be adopted without losing access to college financial aid. Under the new law, youth who are adopted after their 13th birthday will not have to include their parents’ income when determining their eligibility for financial aid.

As Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN) explained when he first introduced the legislation in 2005, “If a teenager is adopted, he or she can lose out on…college financial aid [due to] his or her adopted parents’ financial situation, but if the teen stays in the system and ‘ages-out’…he or she is probably eligible for all available loans and grants…. The benefits of family and education should go hand in hand, not stand in opposition to each other.”

NACAC has met foster youth who had to make the terrible choice between having a permanent family and pursuing a college education. As a teenager, Sheila lived in foster care with her aunt. She knew that if she remained in foster care, she would receive enough financial assistance to enable her to go to college. “If my aunt adopted me,” Sheila explained, “I would lose my benefits. I mean adoption is great and everything, but you sacrifice a lot.”

We are delighted that Congress has eliminated one barrier that would have forced some youth to choose between education and a permanent family. Next Congress should ensure that all former foster youth who are adopted as teens have full access to needed educational support.

Advice from Adoptive Parent Support Groups about Running Away

Tips for the parents of a child who is threatening to run away. Do the following calmly, in a quiet voice.

1. Do not say “There’s the door,” or otherwise give permission.
2. Do not help them pack.
3. Do tell the child he/she does not have permission and leaving the house will result in consequences. Make sure the child knows there will be consequences and that you will follow through.
4. Do tell the child that you love him or her, that this is home and it is where he or she belongs.
5. Do be firm but do not get into a physical struggle.
6. Do engage the youth in conversation about what is upsetting him or her.

- Refrain from responding defensively or in anger.
- Let the child vent as long as there is no violence.
- Agree that life can be frustrating, empathize.
- Again, if you are too angry, call in an objective party to help calm the situation.
- Ask for alternative solutions from the child or offer alternatives.

7. Remember, it is more important to keep the child safe for the moment than to confront them about their shortcomings, mistakes, and behaviors.
8. After the situation is under control, go to your “safe place,” turn on some soothing music, and take a nice long bath. Tomorrow is another day.


Insurance for children at placement

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA ’93), Public Law 103-66, amended the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The amended law requires that any group health plan which provides coverage for dependent children must provide benefits to a child placed for adoption under the same terms and conditions as apply to a child who is the biologic child of a plan participant. OBRA ’93 specifically eliminated any requirement that the adoption be finalized in court before there is coverage.
New in the Library

The following titles are recently acquired materials now available in our lending library.

**Books for Children and Teen**
- The Heart Knows Something Different: Teenage Voices from the Foster Care System
  More than three dozen personal narratives were written by 15- to 20-year-olds who have lived in the foster care system and provide a sense of normalcy and community to adopted adolescents.

- Oliver: A Story About Adoption
  In this picture book for children, 4-8, Oliver, who is adopted, imagines a much better life living with his birth parents. Then his parents, who are not adopted, tell him that they used to imagine that they were adopted, dreaming about the exciting world their birth parents might be living. In the end, Oliver realizes that his life is pretty good.

**Books for Parents and Professionals**
- Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control: A Love Based Approach to Helping Attachment-Challenged Children With Severe Behaviors
  The middle part of this three part book devotes a chapter each to “Parents Appear Hostile and Angry,” “Lying,” “Stealing,” “Hoarding and Gorging,” “Aggression,” “Defiance,” and “Lack of Eye Content.” It might be useful for any one of those chapters.

- Handbook of Adoption: Implications for Researchers, Practitioners, and Families
  This book addresses the many dimensions of adoption-related issues—transracial adoption, foster care, single parents, special needs, training and education issues, assessment and treatment issues, and much more—which affect adoption triad members.

- Nurturing Adoptions: Creating Resilience after Neglect and Trauma
  A guide for parents & professionals helping children affected by neglect and trauma, and demonstrates the effects on brain and emotional development of neglect and trauma and how to recognize them, and suggests approaches at home and school that help children to flourish.

- One Small Boat: The Story of a Little Girl, Lost Then Found
  From the author of Another Place at the Table, this book focuses on five-year-old Daisy, one of the numerous children the Harrisons have taken in over the years. It is a story of real people, warts and all, who struggle to bring a safe haven to children who have endured extraordinary hardships and of the realities of the systems in place to protect them.

- Treating Explosive Kids: The Collaborative Problem-Solving Approach
  This book for clinicians, by Ross Greene, based on the approach he popularized in The Explosive Child, provides a framework for effective, individualized intervention with highly oppositional children and their families.

- Unconditional Parenting: Moving from Rewards and Punishments to Love and Reason
  Alfie Kohn questions why parenting literature focuses on compliance and quick fixes, and points out that docility and short-term obedience are not what most parents desire of their children in the long run. He suggests helping kids solve problems, providing them with choices, and using reason and humor.

- The Wonder of Boys: What Parents, Mentors, and Educators Can Do to Shape Boys into Exceptional Men
  Michael Gurian asserts that the biological and neurological differences between boys and girls need to be accounted for and nourished in order to raise healthy, happy boys.

- Beneath the Mask: Understanding Adopted Teens

- How to Keep Stress from Managing Us
  (CD) NACAC Conference presenter, Maris Blechner, looks at how caring and over-stressed people like us can leash those fire-breathing dragons in our lives, and keep them in their place.

- Parenting Adolescents with Attachment Difficulties
  (CD) Interruptions that occur early in childhood cause specific difficulties in adolescence. This presentation examines attachment problems and adolescence from a developmental perspective and presents strategies for parenting and treating adolescents who have experienced such interruptions.

- What My White Parents Didn’t Know and Why I Am OK in Spite of It
  (CD) Transracially adopted presenters at the 2007 NACAC Conference offer firsthand experiences and practical ideas related to race and diversity challenges within adoption and foster care that transracial adoptees face., including dating and dealing with racial jokes.

- Kinship Care: Relative Caregivers Speak Out
  (VHS) A panel of relative caregivers discuss the emotional and transitional issues they and the children experienced as a kinship family.

- Kinship Care: Teens and Young Adults Speak Out
  (VHS) A panel of young people discuss how they felt about living with relatives, and not with their parents.

- The Adoption Trilogy: Three films by Jean Strauss
  (DVD) Three short documentaries from Jean Strauss, the author of Birthright and Beneath a Tall Tree.

- Unconditional Parenting: Moving from Rewards and Punishments to Love and Reason
  (DVD) See explanation under “Books for Parents and Professionals.”
Help AdoptUsKids Find More Media Families Nationwide

Adoptive families themselves are the best voices for adoption!

AdoptUsKids is dedicated to increasing the public awareness of children in foster care who are available for adoption, and members of the Adoption Exchange Association are an important part of the national media outreach. AdoptUsKids receives many requests from radio, television and print reporters across the country and there are available spokesfamilies who are willing to participate in these interviews. However, there is still a need for more families! If you are interested in becoming an AdoptUsKids spokesfamily or if you know of an experienced family with adoption and foster care, please contact Kate Kirkpatrick at (717) 545-5251 or e-mail kkirkpatrick@adoptuskids.org.

Adoption Connections of OR (Lane Co.)
Annual Harvest Party!
Saturday, October 27th • 1:00-4:00pm
Come on out for an afternoon of fall fun at the Crum family farm! We'll be providing pumpkins for the kids to decorate and a scavenger hunt. Wear your costume if you like and bring along your rain gear. Call Elise at 541-345-4209 for more information

DisAbilities Job and Career Fair
Tuesday, November 13, 2007 ~ 11:00am to 3:00pm
Lloyd Center Double Tree Hotel in Portland
The Job and Career Fair is for students and job seekers with disabilities. For information call 503-281-1424 or visit www.obln.org.

New Support Groups!
Hamey County
Foster/Adopt Support Group
Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month • 6:00-8:00 p.m.
DHS Child Welfare, 809 W Jackson, Burns, OR 97720
Contact Cami Roy at 541-573-2711 for more details
❖ Childcare available for shared cost by parents ❖

Washington County
Adoptive Parent Support Group
Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
12901 SW Jenkins Road, Suite B, Beaverton, OR 97005
Contact Jennifer Ricks at 503-646-7234 ext. 238
❖ Childcare provided ❖