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, email 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 for more information about this partnership.

Please visit our website at 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, 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

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 for more information.

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

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”

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 Lyn at 541-389-5446. Also visit www.AttachCO.com for more information.

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 for registration/information. Sponsored by FASCETS (www.fascets.org).
ORPARC Trainings
Visit www.orparc.org for updates

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

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

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

**METROPOLITAN REGION**
April 15 & 16  Behavior Crisis Management Training (2 days)  Portland  Metro Training Line: 971-673-1822

**SOUTHERN REGION**
Visit www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu for training updates

**EASTERN REGION**
Visit www.cwpsalem.pdx.edu for training updates

**WESTERN REGION**
April 20  Transitioning Children with Sensitivity  Salem  503-378-4784, erma.s.brundidge@state.or.us
April 20  Parenting to a Child’s Temperament  Oregon City  503-731-4003, julia.buzzard@state.or.us
27 de abril  Pérdida y Dolor [Español]  Hillsboro  503-277-6667, rafael.reynoso@state.or.us

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

**Morning NetLink Trainings**
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Managing Difficult Behaviors in Young Children  April 28
Loss and Grief  May 12
Transitioning Children with Sensitivity  June 9
Enhancing Teen Attachment  July 14
Parenting the Child with Special Needs  August 4
Collaborative Problem Solving  September 22
Relative Caregivers  October 13
Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence  November 3
Permanency Options for Caregivers  December 1

**Evening NetLink Trainings**
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Managing Difficult Behaviors in Young Children  April 12
Loss and Grief  May 19
Transitioning Children with Sensitivity  June 14
Supporting Visitation  July 21
Education Rights of Children, Youth  August 9
Internet Safety for Caregivers  September 15
10 Tips for Parenting Teens  October 11
Confidentiality for Foster Parents  December 13

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**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.
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.

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**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, or call 1-888-505-2673 extension 105.
Trainings, Events & Announcements

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 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 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

Adoption Mosaic

All Adoption Mosaic trainings are in Portland

971-533-0102 • info@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.wadads.org), OFSN (www.ofsn.org), and The Northwest Family Partnership (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.
Trainings, Events & Announcements

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

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

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

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**Teens & Drugs: What’s the Story?**
1. Monday, April 25, 2011 • 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
   550 West Regis Street, Stayton, OR 97383
2. Monday, May 23, 2011 • 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
   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.

**Los jóvenes y las drogas: ¿Qué onda?**
1. Lunes, 25 de abril • 6:30 a 9:30 de la noche
   Biblioteca de Regis High School
   550 West Regis Street, Stayton, OR 97383
2. Lunes, 23 de mayo • 6:30 a 9:30 de la noche
   Community Connections Center
   3020 Center Street NE, Salem, OR
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.

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**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.

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**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 to download the guide or contact us at 1-800-764-8367, 503-241-0799 (Portland Metro Area), or email orparc@nwresource.org to receive a hard copy.

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