

NACAC Adoption Conference
"Nurturing Connections for Children, Families, and Communities"

The North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) will hold its 29th annual conference from August 6-9, 2003, in Vancouver, British Columbia. With workshops and activities for all family members, you might want to plan your vacation to coincide with this event. A kids' program and a teen group offer adopted youth a chance to meet and interact in a supervised, guided setting.

For full conference information visit the NACAC website at www.nacac.org. You may also contact NACAC at the following address:

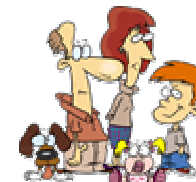
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FASCETS
<small>(Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Consultation, Education & Training Services)</small>
FASCETS has developed several parent and professional informational trainings/support groups. Please see their website at www.fascets.org for further details.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Introductory Parent Information Support Group ☐ Parent Advanced Information Support Group ☐ Professional Training & Implementation Series

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.



"THE JOURNEY"



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because ADOPTION is a lifelong journey porque la adopción es un viaje de toda la vida

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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.

In this past year ORPARC has held parent Advisory Meetings in Medford, Ashland, Gold Beach, Coos Bay, Hermiston and Eugene. ORPARC thanks adoptive parents and professionals who attended these meetings. Your input was valuable in helping us understand how to serve you better!

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



John Bennett & adoptive parents at Advisory Meeting in Medford.

Upcoming ORPARC Trainings

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

"Through the Ages
Celebrating Adoption"

Saturday, May 10, 2003
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Marylhurst University
 Sponsored by Families with Children from China & Northwest Adoptive Families Association

A conference for adoptive parents and professionals. Keynote speakers will be Beth Hall and Gail Steinberg, authors of "Inside Transracial Adoption." Fee is \$50.00 per person, \$90.00 per couple. Some scholarships will be available for DHS adoptive families. For further information and to receive conference flyer, call Deborah Hall at 503-246-9721 or e-mail China_folks@hotmail.com.

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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.

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| (ADD/ADHD | (Eating Disorders | (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder |
| (Adoption – General | (Education – School Issues | (Respite |
| (Adoption – Grief and Loss | (Education – Special Ed | (Safety at Home |
| (Adoption – Identity Adolescence | (Effects of Divorce | (Search and Reunion |
| (Adoption – Talking with Children | (Emancipation/Transition | (Sensory Integration |
| (Adoption Assistance – DHS | (Fire Setting | (Sex Abuse |
| (Allegations | (Gay and Lesbian Issues | (Sexualized Behavior |
| (Attachment | (Holidays | (Siblings |
| (Autism | (Infertility | (Single Parenting |
| (Bed Wetting | (Kinship Adoption | (Sleepwalking |
| (Bipolar Disorder | (Lifestory Books | (Support Groups |
| (Death of Children | (Medical Issues | (Tax Information |
| (Depression | (Mental Health Issues | (Transracial/Transcultural |
| (Depression/Suicide Prevention | (Neurological | (Triad Issues |
| (Discipline | (Opposition Defiance Disorder | (Tribal Issues |
| (Disruption and Dissolution | (Open Adoption/Mediation | (Youth Violence |

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 Neurodevelopment Disorder
-] The Physically Abused or Neglected Child
-] Self-Destructive Behaviors
-] Substance Abuse
-] Youth Depression and Suicide Prevention



Parents Can Educate Educators!

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

- J *FAS: The School Years*
- J *Worth the Trip*
- J *Students Like Me*

An adoptive mother who shared the video, "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."

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.

ORPARC TRAININGS

¶ CEU Credit Hours Offered ¶ Pre-registration Required¶

"Preparation for Adulthood"

AND

"Tips for Parenting Children Who Learn Differently"

Coos 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



Experienced Adoptive Parents & Adoptees Panel at December 7th "Tips for Parenting" training

"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



Presenter Karen Quitt and Adoptive Parents at March 8, 2003 training in Lincoln City.

"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

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

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



"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

Presenter, Mollie Monahan, M.S., L.P.C., has worked with children in foster care and adoptive placements for 20 years. She provides therapy to children and families and training to foster & adoptive parents, therapists and caseworkers. Mollie is an adoptive and foster parent.

To register call 541-474-3120 ext. 340

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.