

Who You Gonna Call...ORPARC!

The Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center [ORPARC] offers a variety of services for adoptive and assisted guardianship families. Generally, families know to contact ORPARC for trainings, to check out library materials or to ask for referrals to adoption competent therapists. However, parents may not be as familiar with our additional support services.



Support Services: Did you know that you can contact ORPARC if you need information about how to access mental health services for a child in crisis? We can also provide brief

case management and consultation services to families needing assistance to avert or effectively respond to crises. If your child is involved with several agencies, ORPARC staff can help you to navigate these complex systems. ORPARC staff can participate in treatment team meetings with you, either in person or via conference call. We can be an advocate for you and your child while educating the professionals about the unique needs of adoptive and assisted guardianship families.

ORPARC staff are supportive listeners. We listen to you without judgment, we focus on what you as the parent need for yourself and your child. We honor your expertise as the parent of the child in your care.

Our Values: When you contact ORPARC you will be helped and assisted in a caring and considerate manner. We will, at all times, respect the confidential nature of our communication with you and strive to demonstrate a professionalism that will exceed your expectations.

Our commitment to superior service will encompass all of the ways we interact with you whether by telephone, email, written communication, or in-person. Always striving to achieve the highest level of integrity and trustworthiness in our work with families and professionals, we will hold ourselves accountable to ensure that services are provided in a responsible, dependable and timely manner. Who you gonna call? Call ORPARC!

ORPARC has a brand new look!

Check out our *new* website at www.orparc.org. It's easy to navigate and loaded with helpful resources. See what's happening or click on the handy calendar for information on upcoming trainings.



November is National Adoption Month

National Adoption Day ♦ Saturday, November 20th



Since 2000, National Adoption Day has grown from 9 events in its first year to more than 345 events in 2009 with 4,800 adoptions finalized in all 50 states. National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the 123,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

For the last ten 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.

This year in Oregon, adoptive families are invited to the National Adoption Day celebration on **Saturday, November 20th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Jantzen Beach Center. There will be food, entertainment and activities for children. This **free** family event is sponsored by Boys and Girls Aid, Heart Gallery, DHS and Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center.



Saturday, November 13, 2010

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

OHSU Center for Health & Healing
3303 SW Bond Avenue, Portland, OR 97239

Celebrate National Adoption Month by attending a Free Adoption Fair. Meet local adoption agencies who will help answer questions. Learn more about this event by visiting the COAA website at www.oregonadoptionagencies.org. This event is sponsored by COAA, Adoption Mosaic, and OHSU Family Medicine Adoption Health Services.



Oregon Mission of Mercy

FREE Dental Care!

Mission of Mercy (MOM) is a dental clinic with portable dental stations set up in a

large public arena. Dental screenings and services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis, at **no charge** to those who attend. MOM combines the donated services of dentists, dental hygienists, assistants, lab technicians, and an array of volunteers to provide these free dental services.

Monday, November 22 & Tuesday, November 23, 2010

**Doors open at 6:00 a.m. ♦ Oregon Convention Center
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97232**

Sponsored by the Oregon Dental Association



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Visit our Web site at www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/fostercare/conference or call 503-872-5601.
Registration at <http://www.ctfo.org/ctfostore.asp>

ORPARC has limited scholarships available to eligible families. Contact us for details.

Douglas County Celebrates National Adoption Day

Douglas County will celebrate adoptive families on **Saturday, November 20th**. This event will take place at Roseburg High School, 400 West Harvard Avenue, Roseburg. Contact Barry Forte for more details at 541-440-3373 ext. 2073, or email Barry at barry.forte@state.or.us.

ORPARC Trainings

Visit www.orparc.org for updates

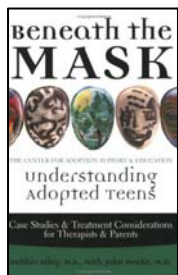
Register for trainings at:

☎ 503-241-0799 ☎ 1-800-764-8367

✉ orparc@nwresource.org

Beneath the Mask: Adoption through the eyes of adolescents

Presented by Debbie Riley, MA ♦ Training in collaboration with Cascadia Training



Adoption influences and intensifies the normal tasks adolescents must accomplish (e.g. separation from parents, identity formation, decisions relating to sexuality, etc.). Struggling with this extra layer of challenges and reconciling their past and future identities can trigger mild and sometimes serious emotional/behavioral issues both at home and school – particularly adopted teens who are raised by parents of a different race or culture. Debbie Riley facilitates a compelling training session, weaving in some of the teen-written excerpts included in her book, *Beneath the Mask: Understanding Adopted Teens*.



Eugene

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 ♦ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Registration at 8:30 am; Lunch on your own

Department of Human Services

1899 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR 97401

Portland

Friday, October 22, 2010 ♦ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Registration at 8:30 am; Lunch on your own

Holladay Park Plaza, Penthouse

1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232

Eligible Families:.....Training is free of charge to eligible state adoptive, assisted guardianship, and foster families. Register with ORPARC by calling 1-800-764-8367, 503-241-0799 (Portland Metro) or email orparc@nwresource.org.

DHS/SNAC Professionals:DHS and SNAC staff may attend free of charge on a "space available" basis. Register with ORPARC by calling 1-800-764-8367, 503-241-0799 (Portland Metro), or email orparc@nwresource.org. 6 CEUs @ \$15.00.

Community Partners:.....Community Partners to register with Cascadia Training at 1-800-298-6516, email cascadia@nwresource.org, or www.cascadia-training.org. There is a registration fee of \$145.00 which includes 6 CEUs at no additional fee.

Openness in Adoption

Making lifelong decisions about openness for your adopted child

Bend

Monday, October 11, 2010

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Department of Human Services

1300 NW Wall Street, Suite 104

Bend, OR 97701

Clackamas

Thursday, November 4, 2010

6:00 to 7:30 pm

Department of Human Services

16440 SE 82nd Drive, Clackamas, OR 97015

Training delivered at the Clackamas County Adoption Support Group. No registration required. Contact Beth Girard at 503-731-4096 for questions or inquire about childcare.



Manteniendo Relaciones Abiertas

¡Español!

Apoyar y mantener las conexiones con la familia biológica

Portland

Miércoles, 17 de noviembre ♦ 6:00 a 8:00 de la noche

10225 East Burnside Street, Portland, Oregon 97216

Salem

Jueves, 28 de octubre ♦ 6:00 a 8:00 de la noche

Departamento de Servicios Humanos

4600 25th Avenue, Salem, Oregon 97301

ORPARC trainings are free of charge to DHS adoptive, foster and assisted guardianship 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.

Adoption Tax Credit Expanded

The adoption tax credit has been expanded and extended. On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148). Prior to this law, the tax credit was set to expire December 31, 2010. Section 10909 of the bill addressed the adoption tax credit. The credit is expanded in the following ways:

- ✓ The amount has been increased by \$1,000 bringing the total amount to \$13,170 for tax year 2010.
- ✓ The credit was made refundable for all types of adoptions, allowing families with small tax liabilities to better access the credit (adoptions finalized in 2010 and 2011).
- ✓ The credit will be extended through December 31, 2011.

*NOTE: The tax credit is applicable to the tax year families **finalized** the adoption of their child(ren).*



Newsletter via email?

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

Gratitude

Gratitude (grat'ī tood') *n.* [Fr < ML *gratiutudo* < L *gratis*, pleasing: see GRACE] a feeling of **thankfulness; appreciation for favors or benefits received; thankfulness.**

Recently, DHS renewed the Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center contract. This will enable us to continue to serve adoptive and legal guardianship families in the year ahead. We are particularly grateful given the current economic crisis in our state. It is evident DHS administration cares about adoptive and guardianship families in Oregon and values post-adoptive services. We are honored to continue to serve you with library services, training, assistance for support groups, information and referral, support and advocacy.

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