

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

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"

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

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.

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



Save the Date!

"Touched by Adoption Teen Camp"

Thursday thru Sunday, June 16-19, 2011
Eagle Fern Camp, Estacada, Oregon

www.choseninternational.org

Some partial scholarships may be available

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

Register for trainings at:

☎ 503-241-0799 ☎ 1-800-764-8367

✉ orparc@nwresource.org

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 between 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**

*Se proveerá
interpretación
en español*

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.

Foster a Future Scholarship Program



With funding from 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 www.childrensactionnetwork.org.

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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