



November is National Adoption Awareness Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth from foster care. This year's initiative focuses on building capacity of adoption professionals to recruit and retain parents for the 107,000 children and youth waiting for permanent families in the U.S. foster care system. View the 2012 National Adoption Month poster in English and Spanish as well as other materials at www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/nam/ to learn how you can take action all year to benefit children in foster care waiting for permanent families.

The Children's Bureau sponsors the National Adoption Month initiative through a partnership with www.AdoptUSKids.org and Child Welfare Information Gateway (www.childwelfare.gov).

Please join us at the 14th Annual Shoulder to Shoulder Conference on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River in Jantzen Beach. Visit the new Shoulder to Shoulder Conference website at www.stsconference.com for information and registration. Registration cost is \$60.00 before October 31, 2012. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Certificate of Attendance are available. Professional and adoptive/foster/kinship parent scholarships may still be available. Please visit the Shoulder to Shoulder website for further details. *See page 3 for conference workshop details.*

Conference Sponsors: Albertina Kerr, Boys & Girls Aid, CASA for Children, Child Advocates, Inc., Children's Trust Fund of OR Foundation, Citizen Review Board, Department of Human Services, Juvenile Court Improvement Program, Morrison Child & Family Services, Oregon Foster Parent Association, Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center, Native American Youth and Family Center, Portland State University, Safe & Equitable Foster Care Reduction Project, and Self Enhancement, Inc.

14th Annual
**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER
 CONFERENCE**
 November 14, 2012



**STANDING TOGETHER
 FOR FAMILIES**



Pictured from left:
 -Derenda Schubert, Executive Director
 -Jo Anne Long, Board Chair
 -Renee Moseley, Program Director

Congratulations Bridge Meadows!

*Recipient of the 2012 Angels in Adoption award
 presented by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute*

The mission of Bridge Meadows is a multi-generational housing community offering permanency in the lives of foster children by providing adoptive homes, supporting those adoptive parents with resources and guidance and giving elders meaning & purpose in their daily lives.

www.bridgemeadows.org

Newsletter via email?

If you would like to receive our newsletter and mailings via email, please call us at 1-800-764-8367 or email orparc@nwresource.org with your name, address and email. Download the complete newsletter at www.orparc.org.

2012 8th Annual Adoptive Family Portrait Project

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This November, Voice for Adoption (VFA) will once again celebrate families who have adopted children from foster care in the 2012 Adoptive Family Portrait Project. The primary goal of the project is to raise awareness among members of Congress about the real experiences and needs of families that have adopted children who were in the foster care system. During the project, family stories and portraits are featured in the Washington, D.C. offices of the participating members of Congress for the month of November. For 2012, VFA hopes to particularly emphasize the importance of kinship parents. We want to congratulate and thank all of the participants for representing our state! The following families will be featured in these Congressional offices:

Oregon Senators

- ♦ Senator Ron Wyden.....Garden-Schneider family
- ♦ Senator Jeff MerkleyB. family

Oregon Representatives (Districts 1 through 5)

- ♦ Representative Suzanne Bonamici (1st District)..... Wasson family
- ♦ Representative Greg Walden (2nd District) Raven family
- ♦ Representative Earl Blumenauer (3rd District)..... Smith-Hohnstein family
- ♦ Representative Peter DeFazio (4th District) Herring family
- ♦ Representative Kurt Schrader (5th District) Villastrigo family



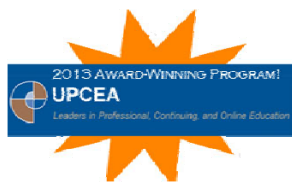
Calling All Therapists!

Certificate Program: Adoption & Foster Family Therapy

Oregon DHS, ORPARC, and PSU's Graduate Schools of Social Work & Education have created the Oregon Certificate Program in Adoption and Foster Family Therapy. The Certificate Program provides 100 hours of advanced education and training for licensed mental health professionals and child welfare professionals in the specialized theories and practices for addressing the needs of adopted children who have histories of abuse and neglect. In particular, mental health professionals learn how to identify and build on family strengths, and coach adoptive and foster families in alternative approaches, expectations and interactive strategies for helping their children. This program increases the number of accessible and affordable mental health professionals for adopted/foster children and their families. A directory of professionals who have completed this training certificate is available on the ORPARC website at www.orparc.org → Support Services → Directory of Professionals, Certificate Program.

If you know of a therapist who would benefit from this training, please have them contact Kellie Herold at 503-725-8539 or e-mail kellieh@pdx.edu. For additional information please visit online at www.pdx.edu/ceed/adoption.

PSU Adoptions Therapy program receives regional award



The University Professional and Continuing Education Association (UPCEA) Region West named PSU's Therapy with Adoptive and Foster Parents program the 2012 winner of the Honor of Excellence Award for Outstanding Noncredit Program. Visit www.pdx.edu/ceed/adoption to read more about the Therapy with Adoptive and Foster Families Certificate of Completion.



New in the ORPARC Library

Library usage is available free to eligible families & professionals. Please contact ORPARC to request library materials.

Books for Parents & Professionals

- 📖 Facing up to Facebook
- 📖 Social Networking and Contact

Children's Materials

- 📖 Social Networking and You

DVD purchases from the TCU Institute of Child Development

Healing Family Series

- 📺 Healthy Touch
- 📺 Playful Interaction
- 📺 Trust-Based Parenting Creating Lasting Changes in Your Child's Behavior
- 📺 A Sensory World: Making Sense of Sensory Disorders

Lecture Series

- 📺 The Attachment Dance
- 📺 Empowering, Connecting & Correcting Principles
- 📺 Facilitating Behavioral Change
- 📺 Healing Research
- 📺 The Neurochemistry of Fear
- 📺 Sensory Integration

ORPARC Trainings

Visit www.orparc.org for updates



Nicole Russell & Toni Ferguson
ORPARC Family Support Specialists

The workshop below will be presented at Session C, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Shoulder to Shoulder Conference.

Navigating Family Connections and Social Media

Presented at the 14th Annual Shoulder to Shoulder Conference

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 ♦ 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Red Lion Hotel on the River in Jantzen Beach

909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217

Visit www.sts.conference.com to register

14th Annual Shoulder to Shoulder Conference Workshops

Morning Keynote: 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Kinship Care: A Paradigm Shift in Child Welfare

Presented by Joseph Crumbley, Ph.D.

Afternoon Keynote: 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Trauma Stewardship

Presented by Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, MSW

Session A: 10:15-11:45 a.m.

- ♦ *Secondary Trauma and How We Reconcile Its Impact*
- ♦ *Enhancing Resiliency for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence*
- ♦ *Parenting with Trauma: African American Experience*
- ♦ *Challenging Kids and Emotional Regulation*
- ♦ *Parenting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth*
- ♦ *It Wasn't Like That When I Was a Teenager!*
- ♦ *Teaching Lessons Through Traditional Stories*
- ♦ *Permanency for Youth: Why We Changed Our Focus and How You Can Too*
- ♦ *Autism Identification: Resources Available and Effective Approaches to Supporting Children and Youth on the Autism Spectrum*

Session B: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

- ♦ *Transracial Parenting: Developing Positive Racial and Cultural Identities in Children*
- ♦ *When Women Use Violence*
- ♦ *Advocating for Educational Rights, Who & How*
- ♦ *Trauma Informed Care 101*
- ♦ *Differential Response in Oregon*
- ♦ *Feeding and Nutrition in Foster Care/Adoption*
- ♦ *Enhancing Cultural Competence in Human Service Settings*
- ♦ *The Court and CRB Want to Hear from You*
- ♦ *Empowering Children in Foster Care*

Session C: 3:15-4:45 p.m.

- ♦ *Co-Parenting Roles and Issues with Incarcerated Parents*
- ♦ *Caring Dads: Helping Fathers Value Their Children*
- ♦ *Diagnosis and Management of Failure to Thrive*
- ♦ *Trauma Informed Care 101*
- ♦ *A Measure for Cultural Specificity*
- ♦ *Preventing Sexual Abuse: Practical Information for Those Who Work With Them*
- ♦ *The Indian Child Welfare Act—Active Efforts Required*
- ♦ *T.I.P.S. (Trauma Informed Practice Strategies) for Caregivers*
- ♦ *Navigating Family Connections and Social Media*



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Access the Federal Adoption Tax Credit

The health care reform bill made the U.S. federal adoption tax credit refundable for 2010 and 2011. Credits carried forward from previous years could also be refundable. Families who adopted as far back as 2003 but who didn't have enough tax liability to use the credit before may be able to take advantage of the credit. Learn more at www.nacac.org or www.orparc.org

Save the Federal Adoption Tax Credit!

NACAC and other adoption organizations have banded together to form the Adoption Tax Credit Working Group, a collaboration dedicated to saving the adoption tax credit. If no action is taken in Congress, the adoption tax credit as we know it will end after 2012. Learn more about the effort to preserve the Adoption Tax Credit at <http://adoptiontaxcredit.org>.

A Free Webinar on Adoption Assistance

NACAC is offering a free webinar on Advocating for Adoption Assistance Programs on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 12:00 noon Pacific Time. The webinar will be presented by Josh Kroll, coordinator of NACAC's Adoption Subsidy Resource Center. Visit www.nacac.org to learn more and register for this webinar.

Survey on Adoption Transitions – You can Help!

Meeting adoptive parents and transitioning from prior caregivers into adoptive homes are some of the biggest experiences of children's lives. There is no research today to guide parents and professionals on how to best to design these transitions. This survey, conducted by psychologist Dr. Redmond Reams (<http://redmondreamsphd.com>), is a first step. The goal is to describe and define what happens currently in transitions.

Please visit the survey link below and take less than 10 minutes to complete this confidential and anonymous survey - help children in the future have better designed transitions into their adoptive families. Thank you.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K7TGZZR>

Opportunity for Oregon families of young children with Autism in the Willamette Valley and Columbia Gorge areas

The Teaching Research Institute at Western Oregon University has been awarded a grant by the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau to conduct a 3-year study on the beneficial effects of parent-delivered massage in young children with autism. The Teaching Research Institute has been teaching parents a daily massage program that has been shown in early studies to be effective in helping children become more comfortable with touch. Children become calmer, are better able to learn, and exhibit better behavior overall. 120 Oregon families will have the opportunity to participate in the study; children with autism under the age of 6 will be eligible. Families enrolled in the study will receive free treatment. Participants will be recruited from the Portland, Columbia Gorge, Salem, Albany/Corvallis, and Eugene areas, and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Families interested in learning more and possibly participating in the study can visit www.qsti.org or call 503-585-9239.