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their lifelong journey*

The Journey

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National Adoption Awareness Month & National Adoption Day



November is National Adoption Month and November 23rd is National Adoption Day. This is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.



This annual, one-day event has made the dreams of thousands of children come true. To learn more, visit www.NationalAdoptionDay.org. For more information about National Adoption Awareness Month, visit www.ChildWelfare.gov/adoption.



2013 Shoulder to Shoulder Conference – Strengthening Children & Families

Please join us at the 15th Annual Shoulder to Shoulder Conference at the Red Lion Hotel on the River in Jantzen Beach. There is a Pre-Conference Event on **Monday, November 18th** and the full conference will occur on **Tuesday, November 19th**. Visit the Shoulder to Shoulder Conference website at www.stsconference.com for information and registration. Registration and scholarships applications available September 16th. Registration cost is \$65.00 before November 1st. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Certificates of Attendance are available. Professional and adoptive/foster/kinship parent scholarships are available.

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



15th Annual Shoulder to Shoulder Conference
'Strengthening Children & Families'

November 18, 2013
Pre-Conference Event

WHERE: Red Lion Jantzen Beach Hotel-
downstairs ballroom
TIME: 6:30 – 9:00 pm | COST: \$20

November 19, 2013
Shoulder to Shoulder Conference

WHERE: Red Lion Jantzen Beach Hotel
TIME: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm



2013 10th Annual Adoptive Family Portrait Project

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This November, ORPARC and Voice for Adoption (VFA) will once again celebrate families who have adopted children from foster care in the *2013 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 2013, VFA hopes to particularly emphasize the importance of the sibling relationship. We want to congratulate and thank all of the Oregon participants for representing our state!

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Grandparent/Kinship/Relative Caregiver Retreats & Resources



Relative Caregiver Retreat 10th Annual A Gift of Time Retreat

A weekend retreat for family caregivers and relatives parenting again

Friday through Sunday, September 6-8, 2013 ♦ Macleay Christian Retreat, Salem, OR

A Gift of Time is a weekend retreat for those who have put their lives on hold to care for a loved one. Join others in similar situations for self-renewal, education and a break. Attendees have a chance to relax, meet new people and perhaps reconnect with old friends, attend educational seminars, listen to music, visit resource tables all in a delightfully peaceful setting. Contact Janice Wolcot at 503-831-5593 or email agiftoftimeoforegon@gmail.com.

Kinship Resources

Request or download ORPARC's Grandparent Resources. This guide covers several topics and organizations to assist you in your search and navigation of grandparent kinship resources and systems. Call ORPARC for a free copy or download this guide from:

www.orparc.org

Go to Web Resources → Specialized Topics
→ click on "Grandparent Resources"

National Family Caregiver Support Program

Grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers (grandparents, step-grandparents, or a relative by blood or marriage) who are 60 years of age or older and are the primary caregiver to the child (17 years younger) are eligible clients who can receive services under the FCSP. FCSP helps states develop multifaceted systems of caregiver support. For more information:

Department of Human Services

Seniors & People with Disabilities, Home & Community Supports
Voice/TTY: 1-800-282-8096



Angels In Adoption

Senator Ron Wyden has selected Portland KOIN TV anchor Jeff Gianola as his **Angel in Adoption** for 2013!

(For more information visit www.AngelsInAdoption.org.) Gianola has been a longtime partner with DHS in his work with the "Wednesday's Child" program, now in its 28th year, featuring foster children waiting for adoptive families. Thank you and congratulations Jeff!



Adoption Connections of Oregon

12th Annual Conference

Nurturing Attachment and Resilience in Adoption

November 2, 2013 ♦ 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Oregon Research Institute, 1776 Millrace Drive, Eugene, OR

Elaine Walters, founder of The Trauma Healing Project, will present on the following topics: *Developmental stages and the impact of trauma; how to recognize disrupted development and addressing needs; and, unblocking trauma through empathy and competence*. The cost is \$15 for ACO members and \$25 for non-members, lunch is included. Email aco@peak.org to register.



Graduate School of Education:
Continuing Education

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.

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ORPARC Trainings

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The trainings below in Pendleton, Medford and Portland are offered in collaboration with other community partners. Please register for these trainings online at the following link or call 1-800-764-8367 with questions:

www.providence.org/classes → “online class catalog” → search for class by name cited below

Pendleton

- 1 ***In Equal Partnership: The “Other” IEP***
- 2 ***Care Notebook—Why do I Need One?***
- 3 ***Behavior Support Planning & Processes***

Friday, September 20, 2013

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Blue Mountain Community College, Room ST-200
2411 NW Carden Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801

This is collaborative training between ORPARC, Swindells Resource Center, and Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation (OTAC).

Class Name: Swindells Speaker Event - (The Other IEP/Behavior) - Pendleton

Medford

- 1 ***Collaborative Problem Solving***
- 2 ***Behavior Support Planning & Processes***

October 11, 2013 ♦ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Providence Medford Medical Center
840 Royal Ave, Suite 110, Medford, OR 97504

This is a collaborative training between ORPARC, Swindells Resource Center, and OTAC.

Class Name: Swindells Speaker Event - CPS/Behavior - Medford

Portland

“Please, help me understand!”

A journey through the complex world of co-occurring pediatric mental health and developmental disability diagnoses

October 25, 2013 ♦ 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater
4805 NE Glisan Street, Portland, OR 97213

This is a collaborative training between ORPARC, Swindells Resource Center, and Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN).

Class Name: Swindells Speaker Event - Please, help me understand (mental health) - Portland

Spanish language interpretation is available for the above trainings. Please contact ORPARC at 1-800-764-8367. Se ofrece interpretación al español. Comuníquese con ORPARC al número 1-800-764-8367.

Register for the two trainings below by calling ORPARC at 1-800-764-8367 or email orparc@nwresource.org:

Astoria

Relative Issues in Adoption & Talking with Children about Adoption

September 10, 2013

5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Department of Human Services
450 Marine Dr., Suite 210, Astoria

This training will occur at the Foster & Adoptive Support Group of Clatsop County. Contact Sarah Dielman at 503-325-9179 x 213 for further information about the support group.

Eugene

The Adopted Child’s Perspective: Forming new attachments after trauma and foster care

October 12, 2013 ♦ 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Department of Human Services/CAF District 5
Field Services, Lucy Lahr Room, Conference Room 1
2885 Chad Drive, Eugene, OR 97408

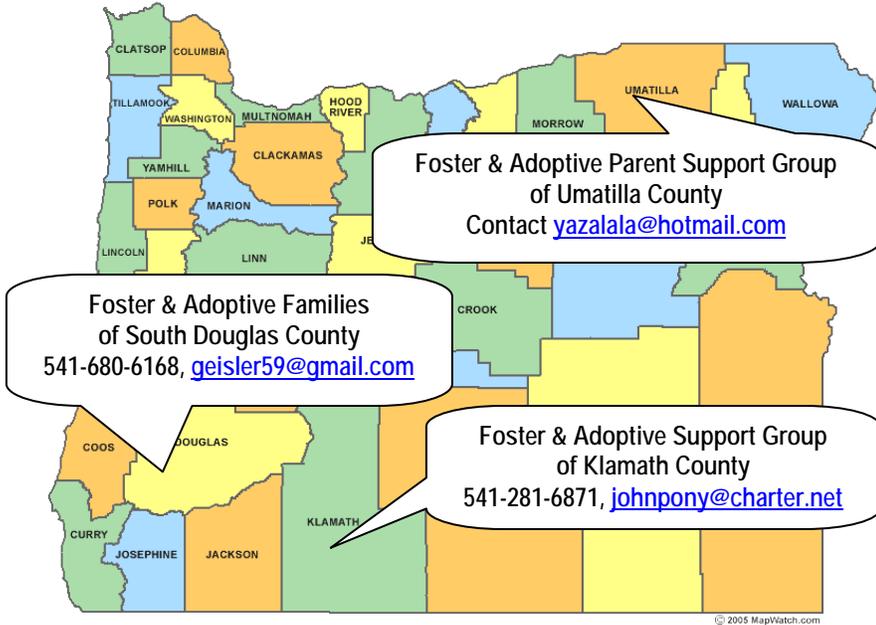


Join local psychotherapist Dr. Redmond Reams for an engaging, informative discussion about attachment opportunities. Families will also have an optional opportunity to complete a research survey. Dr. Reams will guide state adoptive families parenting children of all ages in:

- ♦ Understanding the impact of past trauma & relationship disruptions
- ♦ Exploring what it means to children to allow new adults to care for them
- ♦ Discovering ideas for how to maximize attachment opportunities

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New Foster/Adoptive Parent Support Groups



Save the Adoption Tax Credit!

Save the Adoption Tax Credit is the effort of a national collaboration of organizations and individuals called the Adoption Tax Credit Working Group that have united to support by advocating for the adoption tax credit. If you would like to learn more or understand how you can help advocate to ensure the adoption tax credit remains permanent, visit www.AdoptionTaxCredit.org.



Newsletter via email?

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