



## ORPARC's Role in Assisting Adoptive/Guardian Parent Groups

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The Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center (ORPARC) is interested and available to assist in the development of new adoptive parent support groups. We can collaborate with you to provide services to existing groups as funding allows, such as:

- a presentation about ORPARC services
- an overview of an ORPARC topical information packet
- training on a topic of interest to the group; we would also work with you to locate a suitable presenter for other topics which a group may request

### **Development of adoptive parent support groups**

ORPARC is prepared to undertake any of the following steps:

- In person or by phone consultation to assess interest and offer points for group start up. Help identify DHS staff and potential community partners interested in helping to form and lead groups.
- Assist group in developing plans for an initial parent group meeting.
- Develop announcements and flyers of meeting dates for the year and potential agendas for first few meetings.
- Mail out yearly schedule, and announcements/reminders prior to subsequent meetings (for the first year).
- Provide materials (manuals, articles, web sites) and phone consultation about forming and leading adoptive parent support groups.
- Assist local group leaders in researching meeting sites.
- As funding allows, attend group once or twice in the first year (to assist at initial meeting; to offer a training or to lead a discussion).
- Provide library materials and pointers to group leaders who will provide training (example: a video and discussion guide).

### **ORPARC Contact Information**

We look forward to talking with you about these ideas, and to working with you to start and/or strengthen parent groups.

For more information please call us at 1-800-764-8367 or 503-241-0799 (Portland metro area) or email us at [orparc@nwresource.org](mailto:orparc@nwresource.org).

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