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The Arc Advocate

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A NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
ADVOCATING FOR AND
PROVIDING SERVICES, AS
NEEDED, TO
INDIVIDUALS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND THEIR
FAMILIES.

Regular Meetings

**Membership
Committee** **9 AM**
Louise Teater's
Home
1st Tuesday

**The Arc Board
Meeting** **7:30 PM**
Senior Center
1st Thursday

**Resale
Committee** **10 AM**
Arc Office
3rd Monday

**Safety
Committee** **10 AM**
Arc Office
3rd Tuesday

**Bingo
Committee** **11:30
AM**
Springfield
4th Monday

**Finance
Committee** **Noon**
Arc Office
1st Tuesday

The City is listening...

What do you have to say?

The City Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department has convened a Community Stakeholder Committee to assist with planning for Open Space Management and Recreation Service Plans.

The city will be doing a "scientific" survey which will consist of asking for written responses to questions of a random sample of community members. Karin Frederick, Executive Director of The Arc, pointed out that those with developmental disabilities and those with family members with developmental disabilities may have difficulty garnering the free time or the needed skills to respond to the survey. Karin believes the survey is quite likely to not represent the needs and wishes of our DD community.

The Arc has a place at the table. It is hoped by the City and by The Arc that we can accurately represent the views and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. To do this well, The Arc and The City Parks and Recreation Department need to hear from you.

Please share your ideas with Karin. Write to the address in the sidebar, email, kf@arcbenton.org, call or leave a message on voice mail after hours, if that timing is best for those of you who work. Your messages will be written down and presented as part of the documentation supporting decisions made by the City. If you would like to participate in a focus group to augment the survey process, be sure to make that known.

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Oregon Parent Training and Information Center

What is Oregon Parent Training and Information Center (OR PTI)?

Oregon PTI is the statewide parent training and information center serving parents of children with disabilities. Our goal is to educate and support parents, families and professionals in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with disabilities. We are a regionalized model with staff living in the area that they serve.

Who should call?

- Parents of children with disabilities, or suspected disabilities
- Parents of children with emotional or behavioral problems
- Professionals in educational, medical, or human service fields.

What services does Oregon PTI offer?

- Lending Library of videos and books
- Training on a variety of topics related to children with disabilities
- Information and referral
- Technical assistance over the phone
- Statewide Conferences - WAGONWHEEL and Avoiding Future Shock

Bimonthly newsletter

Where is Oregon PTI?

Oregon PTI's services are available throughout the state. We currently have 7 [regional coordinators](#) geographically dispersed throughout the state, but our main office is located in Salem at 1745 State Street.

How can I contact Oregon PTI?

- Call us at 503-581-8156 or 888-505-2673 (toll-free in state only)
- Fax us at: 503-391-0429

Email us at: orpti@open.org

Six ways you can help Oregon PTI

1. Volunteer in our Salem office.
2. Become an IEP Partner
3. Make a tax deductible charitable contribution.
4. Assist YOUR Regional Coordinator in setting up a training.
5. Donate items to our silent auction at the WAGONWHEEL Conference.
6. Coordinate a fund-raising activity in your community.

Upcoming Workshops

September 13, 2003 - Basic Rights and Responsibilities, The IEP Process

at The Lincoln County Rehabilitation Services, 4909 South Coast Hwy, in **South Beach**, from 1-3 PM. Call Judy Rinkin, 541-928-3611 or Terry Perrson, 541-265,6611, ext 5951 for more information.

October 14, 2003—IEP: Rights and Responsibilities—

at the Fairmont Building , 1005 Spring Hill, **Albany**, from 6:30—8:30 PM. For information or to register call Judy Rinkin at 541-945-9736 or e-mail: orptijr@earthlink.net.

October 21, 2003— Statewide Assessment—

in **Springfield** at the Family Resource Center, 1030 G Street, from 6:30—8:30 PM. For information or to register call Judy Rinkin at 541-945-9736 or e-mail: orptijr@earthlink.net

November 4, 2003— Statewide Assessment—

in **Albany** at the Fairmont Building, 1005 Spring Hill, , from 6:30—8:30 PM. For information or to register call Judy Rinkin at 541-945-9736 or e-mail: orptijr@earthlink.net

Autism Society of Oregon and Oregon PTI Present An Evening with Temple Grandin

***Friday, September 19, 2003
DoubleTree Lloyd Center,
Portland
6:30 to 9:00 pm***

Dr. Grandin will be speaking about what it was like growing up with Autism and how she was able to learn to function successfully in a world that she

had difficulty understanding. Dr. Grandin's books, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic* and *Thinking in Pictures* will be available for purchase at the event.

Registration after September 6th, add \$5 onto ticket price. Call 1-888-505-2673, ext. 206 to register (all major credit cards accepted) or mail in check made payable to Oregon PTI to 1745 State St., Salem, Oregon, 97301

From the Desk of Page Price, DDS Coordinator Oregon Donated Dental Services Program

Dentists throughout the state (3 in Corvallis) have volunteered to provide comprehensive dental care to individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness, or advanced age. In Oregon, our state contract stipulates that we primarily serve persons with developmental disabilities. However, the disabilities mentioned above are also considered when there is an available volunteer dentist.

There is generally no cost to eligible individuals. However, applicants able to pay portions of the laboratory services received are encouraged to do so. The dentist will set up a treatment plan and will provide donated services to the eligible individual throughout that treatment plan. Once the treatment is completed, future dental services will be the responsibility of the individual.

When an application is received in our office it is placed on a waiting list. Then there is a DDS volunteer dentist available in your area, we will review the application with you and/or your caseworker. If you are deemed eligible, we will refer you to a DDS dentist for an evaluation. Acceptance into the program will be determined after the initial examination, when treatment needs are established.

As a patient in the program you must be very reliable. Missed appointments, late arrivals, and last minute cancellations are not tolerated and are grounds for immediate termination.

For an application, you may go online at <http://www.nfdh.org/DDS.html> or call The Arc office at 753-1711 and we will mail one to you.

Introducing Career Journeys

CAREER JOURNEYS WEB BASED CAREER MENTORING FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

The Center on Self-Determination and Independent Living Resources are proud to announce Career Journeys. Career Journeys is a web based mentoring program

designed for youth with disabilities and other challenges who are interested in learning about how to choose and achieve career goals. The purposes of the Career Journeys are:

1.) To help youth to believe that they can aspire to the full range of careers and occupations. Currently, about 30 adults who experience a variety of different disabilities and who work in a wide range of different careers have shared their story of how they

achieved their career goal.

2.) To provide youth with the opportunity to gain advice, support and mentoring from one or more adults. The youth can email a question to one of the adult mentors, and the youth and mentor can have an email conversation about career-related issues.

3.) To share the stories of youth who are taking their own Journeys To learn more about Career Journeys please visit the web site at: www.everyonecanwork.org.

The Arc All-Agency & Friends Potluck Picnic
Thursday, September 18th, 2003
Thompson Shelter in Avery Park
5:30—7:00 PM



Forget about work and schedules!
 Visit, laugh, and share food instead.
 We're looking forward to visiting with
 everyone in our community.

The Arc will provide
 beverages and table service.
 Please bring a dish to share.
 RSVP at 753-1711.

Self Advocate Ladies...

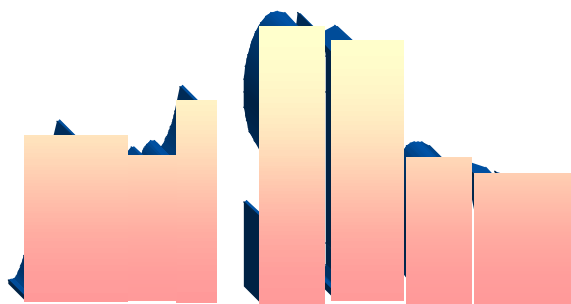
Are you interested in living independently, with just a little bit of help?

Would you be safe with only 4 hours per week of self-determined assistance from staff?

Does a beautiful, 3-bedroom home in Corvallis shared with a young lady roommate appeal to you?

The rent is reasonable and Section 8 housing is in place. Very low income individuals CAN afford to live in dignity at Access Corvallis. In fact, very low income is a requirement along with experiencing a developmental disability.

For more information call Karin at The Arc of Benton County 753-1711.

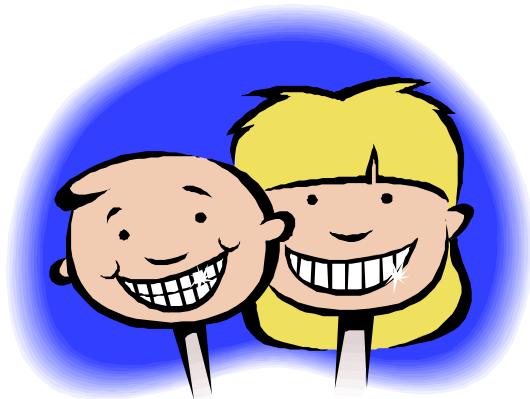


2003 Fibers of Faith Art Show

**First United Methodist
 Church**
1165 NW Monroe
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

September 2nd thru the 30th

Free



**Dental
Care**

See page 4 for information on free or low-cost dental care for individuals with developmental disabilities.