



Did you miss April's Advocacy Day?

If you would still like to share your story of EI/ECSE has impacted your family you can!

Come and Meet with your legislators on June 16th for another EI/ECSE Advocacy Day and Rally!

When: June 16th 9:30am- 1:00pm

Where: Capitol Room 257 at the Capitol Building 900 Court St., NE Salem, OR 97301

This is your opportunity to personally ask legislators to continue to fund EI/ECSE because EI/ECSE services have changed your life and your child's life.

We are also rallying and thanking our legislators for all the work they do for our programs.

Find our instructions for setting appointments with legislators on our website:

[Oregon AEI Advocacy Instructions](#)

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Oregon AEI's letter from the Coordinator

Summer is almost here! Check out our tips for some fun summer activities.

We are having our last advocacy day at the Capitol on June 16th.

Make sure to set your appointment with your legislator early, if you need help feel free to call Cassandra at 541-556-9196.

Register for the advocacy day on June 16th at:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/dd-advocacy-day-at-the-capitol-registration-14917011182>

One Family's Story
Read about Porter's success throughout EI/ECSE on page 2!

Five fun Summer Activities to do with your child!



1. Sloppy Sensory: Plan some fun "goopy" outside activities for children who need sensory play. Spray an outside table with shaving cream and let your child smear it around or fill a bin with rice and dig your fingers in or create a mud pit to roll around in. All you need for clean-up is a hose!

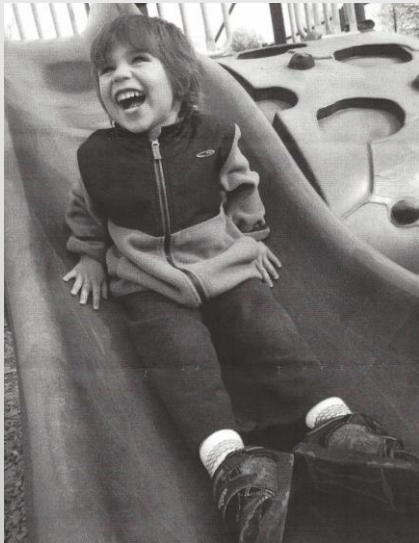
2. Tent Building: Make "the best tent ever" by pulling out all your blankets and chairs and have the tent overtake your living room or backyard. Tent play can be fun for hours. It may also be soothing by providing a hide-out or quiet place. Place a bean bag inside along with books or a flashlight!

3. Soothing Swing. Find time to swing with your child this summer. Swings are beneficial for physical, social and cognitive development, and they offer certain therapeutic benefits. If your child has trouble with crowds, visit the park in the morning during summer camp hours.

4. Paint with ice cubes: Just mix watercolor paint with water, fill an ice-cube tray (try a star-shaped one) and freeze. Use the cube paints outside or on paper or fabric. Great for encouraging grasping-and sensory exploration.

5. Make Fruit Kabobs: Dice fruit into pieces: apples, bananas, peaches, whatever your child enjoys. Holding your hand over your child's if necessary, help him or her thread them onto a skewer or even a popsicle stick. Great occupational therapy, great snack!

Meet Oscar!









My son Oscar, just turned four last month and has Autism Spectrum Disorder and just last year was completely nonverbal. What a difference a year makes!

When our son was first born, we fell in love instantly. He had a full head of hair and bright blue eyes. We loved seeing his winning smile and hearing his infectious laugh. He was so curious and happy but still, he couldn't say "mama" or "dada." He had a couple words we heard a few times and then he lost them. By the time he was two years old he had absolutely no words. To say we were concerned would be an understatement; we needed help.

The years that followed have been challenging and at times, exhausting for all of us. When he had no words, he would get extremely frustrated and bang his head, sometimes so hard that he developed bruises. He would cry and desperately just wanted to tell us what he wanted, needed, or what was wrong, but he had no words.

As a family we would not have been able to get him to the place he is today without the help of Early Intervention. While he is still delayed, Oscar's pediatrician remarked that if he had only seen him for his four year well child check that day and knew nothing about him otherwise, he wouldn't have known he was involved in early intervention at all. It has made such a difference in his and our lives.

Family Network Events and Trainings

<p>CODSN http://www.codsn.org/</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 9th 6:00-7:30pm Redmond, OR - June 23rd 6:00-7:30pm Bend, OR • Paul's Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 4th 6:00-7:30pm Bend, OR • Picnic and Play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 26th Bend, OR 5:30-7:30pm 	<p>FACT http://factoregon.org/</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person Centered Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2nd Webinar 7:30-9:30pm Click HERE to register for Webinar! • Parent Coffee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 10th Newport 11:00am-12:00pm - June 10th Lincoln City 1:30-2:30pm - June 12th St. Helens 9-10:00am - June 12th Clatskanie 1-2:00pm - June 17th Tillamook 10:30-11:30am - June 17th Manzanita 1-2:00pm - June 18th Astoria 10:00-11:00am - June 18th Seaside 1-2:00pm • Accessing Resources and Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 9th Gresham, OR 6:00-7:30 pm <p>Information/Registration 1 (888) 988-3228</p>
<p>ROCCOS http://roccosfamilynetwork.org/</p>  <p>For more information about upcoming events contact Dana at: dana@roccosfamilynetwork.org</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities http://www.creatingops.org/</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support Group : June 9th McMinnville, OR 5:30pm-7:30pm • Late Morning Coffee West Salem: June 12th 10:00am
<p>Families Connected http://www.arclane.org/</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Night Out at Bounce Gymnastics: Tuesdays: Eugene, OR • Sib-shops: For Siblings ages 8-13: Eugene, OR Tuesdays May 5- June 9 4-6:00pm • Family Dinner Night June 25th 6:00-8:00pm • Families Connected Summer Co-op Multiple dates throughout summer: Contact Laura for more information. <p>Contact: Laura.dahill@arclane.org</p>	<p>Families for Community http://familiesforcommunity.org/</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TGIF Bowling, Fridays at 4pm Lava Lanes, Medford <p>Contact: http://familiesforcommunity.org</p>

Events and Trainings Around Oregon

Swindells Resource Center:

- For complete events list see: <http://oregon.providence.org/our-services/s/swindells-resource-center/events/>

Oregon Technical Assistance Commission

- For complete events list see: <https://otac.quickbase.com/db/bc7mmze9k?a=q&qid=129>

Autism Society of Oregon- ASO

- For complete events list see: <http://autismsocietyoregon.org/news-and-events/>