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**Alliance for Early
Intervention**

Thank you to all who sent letters!

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

- Describe your family and your child - one to three sentences about your family and your child, plus one thing your child likes to do.
- Describe your child's disability - one or two sentences at the most;
- Describe one or two of the most important EI/ECSE services you and your family received;
- Briefly describe what these services have meant to your child and family; and
- Explain what we need: Increased funding for EI/ECSE Services HB 5016

Connect with your legislator on the “find your legislator” section of <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/>

Check out the Advocacy Training Materials and Fact Sheets at the I/DD Coalition’s website here:

http://oregonddcoalition.org/index.php/oddc/fact/fact_sheets

May 2015

Oregon AEI’s letter from the Coordinator

There are some exciting events happening in May! Make sure to check out page 3 for more details.

Many of our kids are getting ready to transition to ECSE or Kindergarten. Check out our tips for transition!

Don’t forget! There are still four more advocacy events running into June. If you would still like to share your story we will have another advocacy training on June 16th in Salem. More details to come!

Register at:

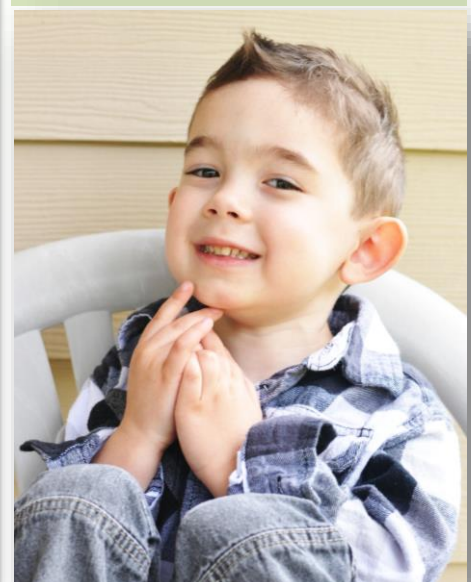
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/dd-advocacy-day-at-the-capitol-registration-14917011182>



Transition Tips: From Families to Families!

1. Take time to celebrate successes – share your child’s strengths!
2. Check in with the teacher frequently to communication your feelings and needs
3. IEP goals and objectives are very important; spend time and think them through.
4. Take notes at meetings.
5. Bring family members or friends who are a significant part of your family and child’s lives.
6. Be optimistic and realistic about setting goals
7. Your service providers want to help and can be your allies.
8. Teachers get to know your children almost as well as you do and love them!
9. Be flexible; it’s not always perfect. Choose your battles; it’s okay to compromise.
10. Have a positive attitude and work TOGETHER as a team
11. Be informed about the law (IDEA)
12. Don’t be afraid to ask questions.

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



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10th Annual Educational Best Practices and
Cross-Disability Inclusion Conference
May 2nd, 2015



Tools, networking, and inspiration for parents, professionals, and community advocates committed to inclusion, Universal Design for Learning, and ending segregation.

Registration Fee: \$60 parents / \$80 professionals (Includes Breakfast & Lunch)

A limited number of partial scholarships are available for families experiencing financial hardship. For scholarship information, contact the NWDSA at (503) 238-0522 or info@nwdsa.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION *PREFERRED* DEADLINE APR 28

Register and pay online with a credit or debit card at www.nwdsa.org/allbornin

**Don't forget to welcome
two new Family Networks!**

Families Engaged And Thriving Together: (FEATT)

Embracing families touched by children with disabilities. We believe that when families unite, they become stronger and share a more optimistic vision of a future without limitations. Partnering with communities to share in the belief that our children can achieve their goals and dreams while leading full abundant lives.

<http://www.featt.org/>

FACT CCC: Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, and Lincoln counties:

FACT is a family leadership organization for individuals and their families experiencing disability, working collaboratively to facilitate positive change in policies, systems, and attitudes through family support, advocacy, and partnerships.

<http://www.factoragon.org>

Meet Porter!









My son, Porter, has Autism Spectrum Disorder and began services at 18 months when we hadn't yet started speaking. We had in-home visits from Jenny and Mary Jo. They worked with Porter, and with us, to learn how to better communicate with our son. Through these visits we gained so much knowledge about what he needed from us in order to learn new skills. Immediately, we began seeing results. We felt encouraged that we could, not only deal with his disability, but begin to see it in a new light. Without their help I don't see how we would've come to the wonderful place we are at with Porter.

He is a vibrant, brilliant, precious little love who is becoming more and more social every day. He is now in the Early Childhood Special Ed. program and has grown and flourished in that environment by leaps and bounds.

I am so grateful that he's had this experience to prepare him for a typical preschool next year. If we hadn't had this help I'm not sure he would've been prepared, socially, for preschool and subsequently not ready for kindergarten when he turns five. But now, with this fantastic and proactive beginning for him, I feel that the future holds wonderful, positive things for him. Jenny and Mary Jo empowered us as parents. The knowledge and skills they gave us made us better, and led to a closer more harmonious relationship with our precious boy. He loves school and all of his teachers and I know they love him too.

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"> - May 12th 6:00-7:30pm Redmond, OR - May 26th 6:00-7:30pm Bend, OR • Paul's Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 7th 6:00-7:30pm Bend, OR • Family to Family Healthcare Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redmond, OR 11:30-1:30pm 	<p>FACT http://factoregon.org/</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the IEP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 6th 5:30-7:00pm Independence, OR May 7th Webinar 7:30-9:30pm Click HERE to register for Webinar! • Preparing for a Successful Transition/Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 19th Webinar 7:30-9:30pm - May 7th Portland, OR 5:30-7:30pm - May 20th La Grande, OR 10-12:00pm & 6-8:00pm - May 23rd Portland, OR 9:30-2:30pm • Special Education Regional Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 16th Coos Bay, OR 8:00-4:30 pm • Behavior and the IEP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 5th Baker City, OR 10-12:00pm & 6-8:00pm • Supporting Your Children in Decision Making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 21st Portland, OR 6:00-8:00 pm • FACT Family Pool Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 30th Astoria, OR 4:00-6:00 pm <p>Information/Registration 1 (888) 988-3228</p>
<p>ROCCOS http://roccosfamilynetwork.org/</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Child's Health Care: May 13th John Day, OR 5:00-6:30pm <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"> • Strengthening Family & Friends Dallas and Polk County: May 12th 6:00pm • Family Support Group : May 12th McMinnville, OR 5:30pm-7:30pm • Late Morning Coffee Polk County, OR: May 8th 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 May 21st 6:00-8:00pm <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 • Ready, Set GO! Transition-Kindergarten: Medford May 2 6-8:00pm <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/>