



## Oregon's Office of Developmental Disability Services Statewide Community Forums

The Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) will be hosting a series of Community Forums around the state over the next couple of months. There will be three separate forums in each location—one for providers, one for Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDP's) and Brokerages, and one for individuals and families who receive services. The purpose of these forums is to discuss our vision for the future of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). There will be a short presentation followed by a group discussion.

Below are the dates and locations that have been scheduled. Additional dates and locations will be added to this list as that information becomes available.

### September's forum dates:

#### La Grande - September 16th & 17th

Location: CHD, 2301 Cove Ave La Grande.

- For Individuals & Families: September 16<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8:00pm
- For Providers, CDDPs & Brokerages: September 17<sup>th</sup> 9 – 12:00pm

#### The Dalles - September 24th & 25th

Location: TBD.

- For Individuals & Families: September 24<sup>th</sup> 6– 8:00pm
- For Providers, CDDPs & Brokerages: September 25<sup>th</sup> 9– 12:00pm

For updated dates and locations see the Office of Developmental Disabilities website:

<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/dd/Pages/index.aspx>

## August-September 2015

Oregon AEI's letter from the Coordinator

Back to school season is here!

The Office of Developmental Disability Services is holding forums throughout the state. Look for one close to you.

The Council on Developmental Disabilities is taking applications for its Partners in Policy Making training for families and self-advocates. See page 2!

Like us on Facebook for up to date information and fun articles throughout the summer.

<http://www.facebook.com/OregonAEI>

Also find us on our website:

<http://www.oregonaei.org>

Read about one family's journey through EI/ECSE on page 2!



# Oregon

## *Partners in Policymaking*

Partners in Policymaking (PIP) is a leadership training for individuals with developmental disabilities and parents of children with developmental disabilities.

[Oregon's Council on Developmental Disabilities is now accepting applications for the 2016 Partners in Policymaking Session!](#)

Application to the program is competitive so applications must be received no later than September 14, 2015 at noon. To apply online visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PIPAApplication2016>.

To request a hardcopy of this application or if you have questions, email [beth.kessler@ocdd.org](mailto:beth.kessler@ocdd.org) or call 971-304-4191.



I would like to take a moment to tell you all what Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special education services have meant for my family since my son was born.

My son is now four years old and was diagnosed two years ago with developmental delays. I was told these delays included speech, adaptive, and social & emotional skills. Additionally I was informed that he probably has sensory integration issues as well. We began services receiving home visits and he now attends our local early childhood special education class for preschoolers.

He receives speech, occupational therapy and early education services in a preschool classroom to help prepare him for the routines and structure of kindergarten. Our family has been very excited to see that he has already made significant gains in personal and social skills in the short amount of time that he's attended the class. His teachers say he is learning classroom routines and is more willing to interact with peers.

This is a service my husband and I could not afford independently but it is so important for our son. We are eternally grateful for everything his services providers have done for him. Recently they were also able to determine that he has Autism, which is important to know before we begin kindergarten so we can ensure that we have all the necessary supports in place to ensure that he has the best chance at success that first year. Children deserve the very best start in life and these programs are so valuable to families and more children like my son.

## Family Network Events and Trainings

<p><b>CODSN</b>  <a href="http://www.codsn.org/">http://www.codsn.org/</a></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Redmond Family Support Group</b> - September 8<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm Redmond, OR</li> <li>• <b>Ladies who Lunch:</b> - September 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00pm: Jackson Corner E.</li> <li>• <b>Paul's Club:</b> - September 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00-7:30pm: Bend, OR</li> </ul> <p>For more information and to register contact Dianna at:  <a href="mailto:dianna@codsn.org">dianna@codsn.org</a></p>	<p><b>FACT</b>  <a href="http://factoregon.org/">http://factoregon.org/</a></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parent Coffee</b> - September 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30</li> <li>• <b>FACT Special Education Regional Conference</b> - September 19<sup>th</sup> La Grande</li> <li>• <b>Introduction to Developmental Disabilities</b> - September 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm Portland, OR</li> <li>• <b>Back to school pizza party: August 29<sup>th</sup> Lincoln City</b></li> <li>• <b>Entendiendo el IEP</b> - September 16<sup>th</sup> Portland, OR 6:00-8:00 pm</li> </ul> <p>Information/Registration 1 (888) 988-3228</p>
<p><b>ROCCOS</b>  <a href="http://roccosfamilynetwork.org/">http://roccosfamilynetwork.org/</a></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>I work we succeed!</b> - September 18<sup>th</sup> Baker City 8-4pm</li> </ul> <p>For more information about upcoming events contact Dana at:  <a href="mailto:dana@roccosfamilynetwork.org">dana@roccosfamilynetwork.org</a></p>	<p><b>Creating Opportunities</b>  <a href="http://www.creatingops.org/">http://www.creatingops.org/</a></p>  <p><b>Marion County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Parents Special Needs: 2nd Thursday 6pm Foothills Church</li> <li>• Families United 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:00pm Washington Elementary</li> <li>• Empowering Families 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6pm Lewis St.</li> <li>• Families Flourishing Together 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6pm Broadway Coffee</li> </ul> <p><b>Polk County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Coffee: 2nd Friday 10:30am Urban Grange</li> <li>• Parent Dinner Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:00pm Creating Opportunities Office: Walnut Plaza</li> <li>• Morning Coffee: Second Friday 10:30am</li> </ul> <p><b>Yamhill County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Support Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 10am Cornerstone Coffee</li> </ul>
<p><b>Families Connected</b>  <a href="http://www.arclane.org/">http://www.arclane.org/</a></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Families Connected Dinner Night</b> September 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 Contact: <a href="mailto:Laura.dahill@arclane.org">Laura.dahill@arclane.org</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Families for Community</b>  <a href="http://familiesforcommunity.org/">http://familiesforcommunity.org/</a></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TGIF Bowling</b>, Fridays at 4pm Lava Lanes, Medford</li> <li>• <b>Family Night Emigrant Water Slides</b> September 3<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm</li> <li>• <b>Sensory Friendly Movies:</b> Southgate Cinema Grants Pass: September 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30</li> </ul> <p>Contact: <a href="http://familiesforcommunity.org">http://familiesforcommunity.org</a></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/>