



Fellowship Available for Parents of Children with Special Needs

The OHSU LEND program (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) is recruiting a family trainee for its 2012-13 program. This trainee will work side by side with clinically trained staff as both 'teacher and student.' Trainees will work two days per week as a full member of the team, rotating through various Child Development and Rehabilitation Center clinics. A small stipend is awarded at the completion of the fellowship. Applications will be accepted from January 2–March 1, 2012.

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FAST FACT

1 in 4 Oregon children with special needs has a health condition that causes their family to cut back or stop working. Learn more: www.childhealthdata.org

Contact the Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center at 855-323-6744

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Resources and Information for Families of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Oregon Services Spotlight: CaCoon Program

Oregon's CaCoon program serves families with children ages 0–21 who have, or are at risk for, a chronic health condition or disability. Services are provided by public health nurses with extensive training and experience working with special needs and complex health conditions. Because family members are the most involved in the care of their children, all services are planned around the desires and concerns of the family.

A CaCoon nurse can:

- Help you find reliable information about your child's condition
- Screen your child for any concerns regarding development, nutrition, hearing, vision, or other health issues
- Help you to advocate for your child
- Help you locate financial assistance to help pay for your child's care
- Refer you to important community resources and organizations

Who Can Use the CaCoon Program?

Families with children and young adults, from birth through age 20, who have chronic health conditions or disabilities. Eligibility is not tied to family income or insurance status and there is no charge.

More information: If you wish to see if your child is eligible for the CaCoon program, [contact your local public health department](#) and ask for the CaCoon Program.

Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs has a Facebook page! ["Like"](#) us and get current news and information that impacts Oregon's children with special health needs.



Navigation Map for Children with ASD



A free "navigation map" is available to help Oregon families in the first few months after their child is identified as having an autism spectrum disorder. Regardless of whether that diagnosis is received in a doctor's office, the child's school, or a county developmental disability program, this map provides basic information on next steps and local resources. To view or print a map, [click here.](#)

Save the Date!

"Maximizing your Private Health Insurance for Your Child with Special Health Care Needs"

FREE Webinar for families and professionals
Thursday, February 9, 2012
10:30—11:30 a.m.

Attention Parents!



FREE TRAINING on special needs topics is available all around the state of Oregon. [Click here](#) to see what's going on in the upcoming months.