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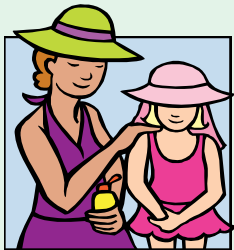


Summer is Coming!

How will your child keep busy?

All kids love to play! Now is the time to start thinking of fun and healthy activities for all kids, with and without special needs. Lists of camps and other recreational programs are available courtesy of Shriners Hospital for Children—Portland and the Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs.

Give us a call to receive yours by email or postal mail, 1-855-323-6744.



FAST FACT:

11.4% of Oregon children and youth with special health needs, age 2-17, have autism or another autism spectrum disorder. That's an estimated 12,685 children.

Learn more:

www.childhealthdata.org



Contact the **Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center** at 1-855-323-6744

Stay in touch by joining our mailing list!

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

Attention Central Coast, Clatsop County, and Eastern Oregon Families:

In April and May, the OR F2F HIC is hosting gatherings of families of children with special health, developmental, or behavioral needs.

If you live on the Central Coast or in Clatsop, Malheur or Baker Counties, join us for a fast-paced, informal and fun presentation on:

Resources Galore!

Information you can use NOW to help your child with Special Health Needs.

You may earn a \$25 gift card for participating in this event!

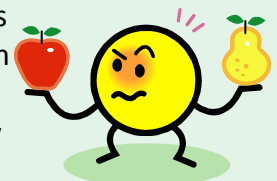
Call 1-855-323-6744 for schedule.



We are also planning gatherings in Southern Oregon and the Mid-Columbia regions. Call 1-855-323-6744 or email for more info.

Parent Voices are Needed! Help Guide Oregon's new Health Insurance Exchange:

The Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation is seeking your input as an Oregon family of a child with special physical, developmental, or behavioral needs. The OHIEC is hard at work developing our state's new Insurance Exchange program, and your voice is critical.



Its easy to have your voice heard: Between now and **Friday, April 13**, write a short list of three things that are important to *your family* in choosing health care plan. You do not have to write a lot, but in your email be sure to mention that you are a parent of a child with special health needs. **To respond, please submit your answer to the question below by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012.**

What are the top 3 things that are most important to you when choosing a health insurance plan?

E-mail your comments to: public.comment@orhix.org or mail your comments to: 3414 Cherry Ave. N.E., Suite 190, Salem, OR 97303



Algunos Recursos en Español



NICHCY (Centro Nacional de Diseminación de Información para Niños con Discapacidades por sus siglas en inglés)

Ellos sirven al país como un recurso central de información sobre las discapacidades que los infantes, niños pre-escolares, estudiantes, y jóvenes adultos pueden tener.

Ellos proporcionan varios recursos útiles e información sobre una variedad de temas incluyendo:

- [Retraso en el desarrollo](#)
- [Conducta/comportamiento](#)
- [El espectro del autismo](#)
- [Parálisis cerebral](#)
- [Trastornos emocionales](#)
- [Discapacidades específicas del aprendizaje](#)
- [Discapacidades intelectuales](#)
- [Derechos de los padres](#)

[Haz clic aquí para más información.](#)

Si usted desea recibir esta información por correo regular, llame al 1-855-323-6744.

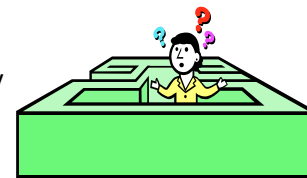
Alternate Newsletter Formats Available Upon Request



The Oregon F2F HIC knows that all families do not have access to the internet. This newsletter is easily printed in black and white on 8.5" x 11" sized paper. Families of children with special needs who do not have internet access may receive this newsletter by mail by calling 1-855-323-6744.

Introducing Our Family Liaisons and Family Navigators

The Oregon F2F HIC is pleased to introduce our Family Liaisons and Family Navigators. This talented and dedicated group of parents is available to support families from all around the state of Oregon in navigating health care systems, locating resources, and providing information. Unlike many programs, all of the staff of the OrF2F HIC have first-hand experience raising a child with a chronic health condition, developmental delay or disability, or emotional/behavioral challenges.



If you are looking for assistance, ideas, resources, or other support, call on the Family Liaison in your community at 1-855-323-6744 or email them directly.

- **MALHEUR COUNTY :** [Shelly Gilman](#)
- **CLATSOP COUNTY :** [Diane Dieni](#)
- **WASCO COUNTY :** [Aaron Bowman](#)
- **LINN-BENTON COUNTY :** [Tami Montemayor](#)
- **COOS BAY :** [Tracie Skinner](#)
- **MARION/POLK/YAMHILL COUNTY :** [Dee Tafolla](#)
- **OTHER AREAS/PORTLAND METRO:** [Tamara Bakewell](#)
- **AUTISM TREATMENT NETWORK:** [Laura Wilson](#)
- **CDRC (Child Development and Rehabilitation Center) SPECIALTY CLINICS:**
[Carol Criswell](#)

Is Your Child with Special Needs Adopted?

The Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center (ORPARC) provides post adoption services to Oregon DHS adoptive and assisted guardianship families.

ORPARC's services include:

- Providing crisis support
- Providing phone consultation
- Trainings on adoption and special needs topics
- Connecting families with community resources
- Helping start and sustain support groups for adoptive families
- Lending library by mail



All ORPARC contacts with families are confidential, and offered free of charge to eligible families. Staff if available M–F, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Visit www.orparc.org or call 1-800-764-8367 for more information
Parents who have adopted privately or internationally may also be eligible for some of ORPARC's services. Call for details!