



*Resources and Information for Families of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs  
By Families, For Families*

**News around the state**

**Early Hearing Detection and Intervention**

Hearing loss occurs in three of every 1,000 infants. Oregon's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program assures that all Oregon newborns receive hearing screenings before the age of six months. If so, they are enrolled immediately into early intervention services. Parents of children with hearing loss should be connected with [Hands and Voices](http://HandsandVoices.org). Through this organization, families may be matched with a trained parent guide who is also a parent of a child who experiences a hearing loss. Parent guides give unbiased support to families and help them make decisions that are right for their child. For more information about Hands and Voices, contact Helen at [Helen@handsandvoicesor.org](mailto:Helen@handsandvoicesor.org)

**FAST FACT about Oregon's Children with Special Needs**

51% of Oregon parents of children with one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental issue report that their child does not receive family-centered care. Learn more at: [www.childhealthdata.org](http://www.childhealthdata.org).



Contact us at  
**1-855-323-6744**  
**503-931-8930 (Spanish)**

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**Need an Activity for your Family Support Group or Special Education PTA? Offer one of these FREE programs:**

An OR F2F HIC Family Liaison can work with your support group or other gathering of parents of children with special needs to offer a free workshop on the following topics. We will work with your schedule and can even do them by "webinar" if needed! Presentations may also be translated or conducted in Spanish, and include dozens of resources, tip sheets, and toolkits to take home!



Families in LaGrande attended the CaCoon for Youth workshop on Transition, May, 2014



Families in Pendleton picked up dozens of free materials. May, 2014

**Resources and More: Practical Information you can use NOW to help your child with special needs**

A review of Oregon's services and supports for children with developmental, health, or emotional/behavioral special needs. Helpful for families new to a diagnosis or who need more resources.

**Becoming Your Child's Health Advocate, Part 1: An introduction for families**

Information to help families of children with special health care needs navigate health care systems, communicate effectively, and understand their child's "medical home" Good for families whose children have frequent medical or therapy appointments.

**Planning for a Healthy Transition: Moving from Pediatric Care to Adult Care**

Information and ideas for families of youth with special health care needs about how to help any child, regardless of disability, be more responsible for parts of their own health care. Good for families of children aged 12 and up. Youth are invited!