



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

News around the state

Families Connecting

You are invited to the 16th Annual UCP [Family Conference](#) on Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Disabilities, October 24 and 25 in Portland. Some scholarships are available. Topics will include: siblings, orthotics and adaptations, speech and communication, youth experiences growing up with CP, employment, and much more. *For more information*, call 503-467-0332.

Transition Stories

The OR F2F HIC is putting together a new publication, "Our Family's Transition Story" and we would like YOU to be in it! If you have a child between the ages of 12 and 22, we would like to talk to you about how you, your child, and your health care provider are navigating transition to adult care. *For more information*, contact [Tamara Bakewell](#) at 855-323-6744.

FAST FACT about Oregon's Children with Special Needs

More than one third of Oregon families of Children with Special Health needs report that they receive "family centered" care. Learn more at: www.childhealthdata.org.



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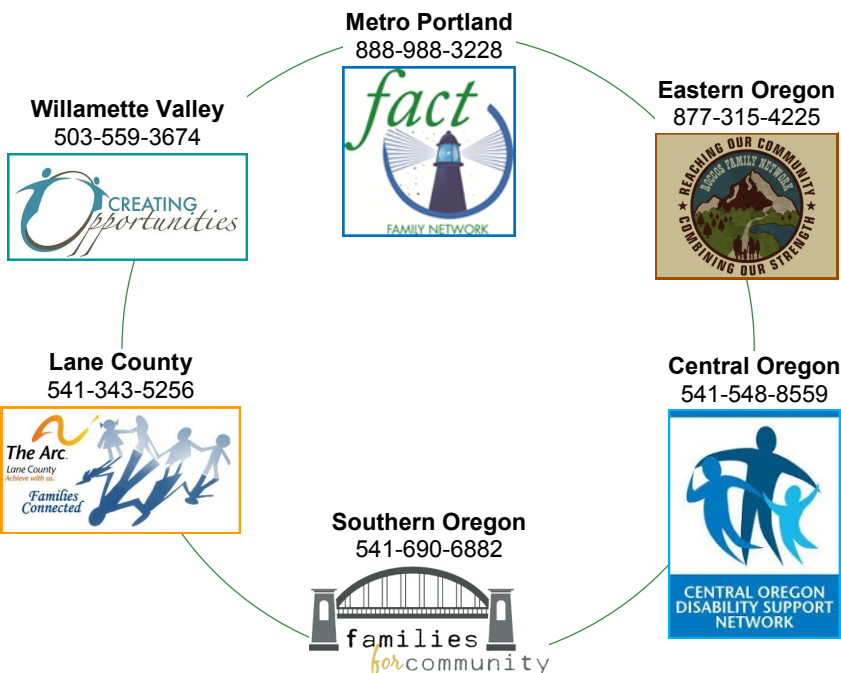
**Oregon's Family Networks:
Helping Families Connect, Find Strength, and Thrive!**

There are six family-driven organizations that are working hard all around the state to connect families and build communities for children and youth who experience disability. Each was founded and is directed by parents of children with special needs, and believe that:

- ⇒ Family knowledge, strength, and diversity must be recognized
- ⇒ Family and community are connected—each helping to build the other
- ⇒ Communities that embrace families with children with disabilities will be stronger communities for all

In the fall, two new Family Networks will come to Oregon.

Each of these networks create opportunities for families to connect in many ways such as through fun activities in the community, one-to-one conversations, in small groups, or through learning/training activities. Contact the Family Network in your area, and you will be greeted warmly!



The Oregon Consortium of Family Networks is a project of the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Developmental Disability Services. [Read more here.](#)