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## *2011 Adopt-a-Legislator Advocacy Teams*

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### ***Activities for April 2011***

While there were not any new “official” Adopt-a-Legislator activities announced this month, there were plenty of opportunities for Advocacy Team Members to connect with legislators. Here are just a few:

#### **❑ Developmental Disabilities Awareness Event at the Capitol**

Many Advocacy Team Members attended the annual Developmental Disabilities Awareness Event on April 14 hosted by the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities. The celebration included the unveiling of the Council’s new DD Awareness [poster](#) and a presentation by Governor Kitzhaber to the DD Champion Awareness Award recipients. Read the [article](#) about this special event featured on the DHS website.

#### **❑ Statewide Budget Legislative Budget Hearings**

Legislators involved the state budget process held public hearings throughout the state this month. Advocates put on their yellow buttons and some even made yellow signs to match the design; then they made their way to the various hearings to express concerns about how the proposed DD budget cuts will impact their lives.

#### **❑ Email Testimony to Legislative Budget Committee**

The Joint Ways and Means Committee set up an email address for citizens to submit written testimony about the state budget: [waysandmeans.budget@state.or.us](mailto:waysandmeans.budget@state.or.us). Special tips on how to submit email testimony regarding DD budget cuts have been outlined in a DD Coalition website [Alert!](#)

Remember that every advocacy activity counts and you are truly making a difference! Please continue to send your advocacy update to the GO Project Coordinator, Cheryl Cisneros via email at [info@oregonddcoalition.org](mailto:info@oregonddcoalition.org) as activities are completed.

**Now, Let’s GO!**