



2011 Adopt-a-Legislator Advocacy Teams

Activities for May 2011

The session ends next month, and now is the time to let your adopted legislator know their efforts to protect the well-being of individuals with developmental disabilities is both necessary and deeply appreciated.

☐ Thank You Note

Send your adopted legislator a note of appreciation. ***Special Tips:*** Use this new "Print & GO!" [Thank You Card](#). Be sure to include a personal message to your adopted legislator inside and mail it as soon as possible.

☐ Dear Legislator Project

The [Dear Legislator Project](#) is an innovative advocacy tool created by Independence Northwest that offers Oregonians with disabilities and their fellow advocates the opportunity to share their personal stories with legislators and the general public by recording 1-3 minute videos. Watch these videos to get inspired as you continue to share your story with your adopted legislator. ***Special Tips:*** The Dear Legislator Project features a subscription option for those interested in receiving email updates about the project.

☐ Adopt-a-Legislator Advocacy Activity Checklist (Email by May 31)

Every advocacy activity counts and now is the time that we need to add it all up. So, whether you did *only* one advocacy activity or *every* one, let us know what you did! Please complete the one page Adopt-a-Legislator Advocacy Activities [Checklist](#) and email it to the GO Project Coordinator, Cheryl Cisneros at info@oregonddcoalition.org. ***Special Tips:*** If you did other legislative advocacy activities that are not listed, (such as testifying in a committee hearing or participating in a local rally) and/or if you have feedback you would like to share about the Adopt-a-Legislator project please include it at the bottom of the checklist.

June Preview:

GO! Project Awards ★ "Now What?" Advocacy Planning ★ End of Session Messages

Now, Let's GO!