

# *The GO! Bulletin*

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Hello from the Grassroots Oregon Project. The *GO! Bulletin* is a statewide source of updates on issues, events and activities related to people with developmental disabilities. You are receiving this *GO! Bulletin* as a Member of The Oregon Disability Network, a collaborative effort of the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition.

## **2011-13 State Agency Budgets Released**

On February 1, the Governor released his proposed balanced budget for the next two-year fiscal cycle to the state legislature. State agencies will be basing their proposed operating budgets on the Governor's budget. Below are links to the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education Budget Information Pages:

[Department of Human Services Budget Information](#)

[Oregon Health Authority Budget Information](#)

[The Oregon Department of Education Budget Information](#)

## **2011 Legislative Session Advocacy Overview**

The Oregon DD Coalition website ([www.oregonddcoalition.org](http://www.oregonddcoalition.org)) features an overview of the 2011 Legislative Session resources for advocates to stay informed and get involved. Here are some quick references:

### **TALKING POINTS:**

- DD Services are cost effective.
- DD Services increase independence /productivity of individuals in our community.
- DD Services prevent the need for more costly services.

- DD Services receive matched Medicaid funding, which means that for every dollar cut the result is two and one half dollars lost to the DD services system.

[Developmental Disability Fact Sheets](#) provide additional information about the DD system in Oregon and are available on the DD Coalition website.

## **LEGISLATIVE LINKS**

The legislature has formed committees and has started holding hearings. Proposed bills of significant interest this legislative session relate to the Staley Settlement DD service delivery system for adults, seclusion & restraint, and autism insurance mandates. Use the links below to find more detailed information about the legislature and bills introduced this year.

[Directory of Oregon State Legislators](#)

[Legislative Committee Directory](#)

[House and Senate Bill Watch List](#)

[Oregon Legislature Citizen's Guide](#)

## **ADVOCACY DAYS TRAINING AT THE CAPITOL**

The Oregon DD Coalition and GO! Project are hosting monthly trainings at the Capitol to provide advocates with information on how ideas become law in Oregon, how to track bills, how to testify in legislative committee hearings and how to connect with legislators. Upcoming Dates: March 9, April 5, May 5 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the State Capitol Hearing Room 50. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To help you plan for your participation: Arrive at least 15 minutes early as parking may be difficult to find, bring coins for the parking meters and remember to bring your own lunch. **[REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

## **ADOPT-A-LEGISLATOR ADVOCACY TEAMS**

**Adopt a Legislator Today!** As an Advocacy Team Member, you will have opportunities to meet with your legislator, invite him or her to special events, and

help nurture interest in developmental disabilities issues throughout the 2011 legislative session. Members of each Advocacy Team will receive special advocacy materials and support from the GO Project; and be able to share activity updates and photos with other team participants. **Do not delay...Adopt your Legislator Today! GET INVOLVED**

## **ROUGH WATERS AHEAD CAMPAIGN**

The GO! Project has launched the **"DD Services: Rough Waters Ahead"** advocacy campaign for the 2011 Legislative Session. There will be various canoe themed activities which make the point that without funding we may soon be up a creek without a paddle. There are a lot of interactive activities for our advocacy team members to get involved with this campaign. **"Print and GO!" Campaign Materials** have developed for advocacy team members.

## **Now... Let's GO!**

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The mission of the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition is to promote quality services and supports which respectfully further the rights, equality, justice, and inclusion for all Oregonians with developmental disabilities and their families.