



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 Oregon Disability MegaConference THIS WEEK

The 4th Annual MegaConference is happening this week (September 29 – October 1) at the Salem Convention Center. This event will start Thursday with an amazing [Technology Showcase](#) that brings celebrated innovators to Oregon to demonstrate how technology can be used to maximize personal independence. This cross-disability convention features an impressive lineup of Keynote Speakers, Presenters and Exhibitors. Other highlights include a Film Festival, Awards Banquet & Dance. Go to the MegaConference website at www.oregonmegaconference.org for information.

Partners In Policymaking Class of 2012 – APPLY NOW!

Don't miss the opportunity to apply for the 2012 Oregon Partners in Policymaking class. The deadline has been extended and **PIP applications will now be accepted through October 7, 2011**. PIP participants are provided with intensive training and graduates are often regarded as leaders of advocacy in Oregon. This opportunity only occurs every two years, so don't delay.

For more information, or to access the 2012 Application, please visit http://ocdd.org/index.php/ocdd/trainings/partners_in_policy_making/.

Applications may be downloaded directly at: http://ocdd.org/doc_downloads/PIP_Application_2011_9_22_FINAL.doc.

Applications may be submitted via mail, email or fax by October 7, 2011 to:
The Arc Oregon at 1745 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97301
Email pip@arcoregon.org or fax to (503) 363-7168

Important Community Meetings re: Oregon Health Plan

As a result of legislation, HB 3650, passed earlier this year, state lawmakers set a vision for local Coordinated Care Organizations with a goal of better health, better care and lower costs. The local Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) would be responsible for administering the delivery of physical, mental, addictions, oral and other health care to the more than 600,000 Oregonians served by the Oregon Health Plan. A final proposal for will be delivered to the February 2012 Legislature by the Oregon Health Policy Board. Pending approval, the first CCO would launch in 2012. For more information, go to www.health.oregon.gov.

The Oregon Health Policy Board and Oregon Health Authority invite you to provide input about the CCOs for consideration by the Oregon Health Policy Board members as they develop the final proposal for CCOs. If you have questions or special requests please email ari.a.ettinger@state.or.us or call 503-947-2340. The first few meetings have taken place, and the remaining community meetings are presented below:

Pendleton: Monday, October 3, 6-8 p.m.
Pendleton Arts Center at 214 N. Main Street

Florence: Wednesday, October 5, 6-8 p.m.
The Florence Events Center at 715 Quince Street

Bend: Thursday, October 6, 6-8 p.m.
Location coming soon

Portland: Monday, October 10, 6-8 p.m.
University Place Hotel & Conference Center at 310 Lincoln Street

Eugene: Wednesday, October 12, 6-8 p.m.
Location coming soon.

Astoria: Thursday, October 13, 6-8 p.m.
Judge Guy Boyington Building at 857 Commercial Street

If you are unable to attend a community meeting, you can still provide your feedback at www.health.oregon.gov.

Building Futures Youth Transition Conference

The 6th Annual Building Futures Youth with Disabilities Secondary Transition Conference will be held on October 24th & 25th at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. For additional information, including a draft conference schedule, go online to www.oregonrisecenter.org/events/BFC_Homepage.html

Save the Date! 10th Anniversary Celebration

The Oregon Support Services Association is hosting a 10th Birthday Celebration of brokerages providing support services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, 3301 Market Street NE, Salem. Mark your calendars for this special event!

Free Training Available through Home Care Commission

Free training is available from the Home Care Commission for Personal Support Workers and families receiving support services. The training schedule and course descriptions can be accessed online at www.oregon.gov/DHS/spd/adv/hcc/training.shtml

New Online Employment Videos Posted!

The Oregon DD Coalition is proud to announce that a number of new videos can now be viewed on the Coalition website. These videos show examples of Oregonians with disabilities and their employment potential. The process for a job search, working with employers, job developers, and the benefits that employers experience from investing in individuals with disabilities are covered in this free video series. Prepare to be inspired! http://oregonddcoalition.org/index.php/oddc/train/train_event/current

2011 Legislative Report

A report has been compiled for the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition which provides an excellent recap of 2011 Legislative Session. The eleven page legislative session report contains information relevant to the DD community.

http://oregonddcoalition.org/oddsys/uploads/2011_Legislative_Report.pdf

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

Visit the Oregon State Legislature Website at www.leg.state.or.us/index.html for the Legislative Schedules and Directories.

Connect with Your Legislator in Your Local District

Oregon legislators have started their committee work and development of bill concepts in preparation for the February 2012 Session. During this interim period, legislators are often working from their local district offices, making it easier for you to connect with them in your community. Here are a few easy ways to stay make a connection now: (1) [Subscribe](#) to your legislator's announcements and receive emails about their upcoming local events; (2) Visit your legislator's district office and get to know their staff; (3) Schedule a personal meeting in your community; (4) Follow your legislator on Facebook or Twitter. To find who your legislator is, go to <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>.

The Oregon DD Coalition GO! Project will present a special Advocacy Days Training during the Oregon Disability MegaConference on Saturday, October 1st that will feature strategies for connecting with legislators in your local district.

CONGRATULATIONS 2011 GO! PROJECT ADVOCACY AWARD WINNERS

Kristin Nichols, Advocate of the Year

Kathleen Moss ★ Marcie Tedlow ★ Amy Hunt ★ Nancy Cochran ★ Carla Cudmore
Full Access ★ Arc Lane County

Thank you to all those who Adopted-a-Legislator through the GO! Project.

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.

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