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# ***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.

**A**ugust seems to be the time for organizations to gather planning information!

**Below you will find four surveys from both state and federal organizations asking for your ideas and opinions. PLEASE take the time to respond. This is a great way to shape the activities of our state and federal partners in our disability focused activities.**

## **Federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)**

The Federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) will be visiting Oregon to verify the effectiveness of our State's special education systems. OSEP would like to have parent input and feedback regarding children ages birth through twenty-one who are receiving special education services. This is an important opportunity to ensure that parents' voices are heard at the state and federal level. **Please forward this survey to other parents and encourage them to fill it out as well.**

[Please access this link to fill out the survey if your child is birth to age three.](#)

[This link for the survey is for parents of children ages three to twenty-one who are receiving special education services.](#)

The surveys are also available in Spanish.

[Encuesta de la Visita de Verificación de los Padres: Parte B de IDEA \(3 -21\)](#)

[Encuesta de la Vista de Verificación de los Padres: Parte C de IDEA \(0-3\)](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the survey please call our Helpline at 888-891-6784.

## **Federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities**

### **Message from the Commissioner**

As the new Commissioner of ADD, it is my intent to shape our direction by relying on the voices and experiences of individuals with disabilities, their families, their communities, the public and of course, our DD Network partners. In that spirit, ADD is seeking your input as we begin to consider future plans and how ADD can best meet the diverse needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families, across the country.

ADD seeks to utilize our resources to work on the priorities of the developmental disabilities community, and we hope to focus our energy on the most pressing and relevant concerns affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families.

As such, we are looking for your thoughts regarding the focus of future Projects of National Significance (PNS).

What we focus on next depends upon you.

In order to get your input and gain from your experiences and opinions, ADD has posted a web-based survey here (survey will be available online from July 15<sup>th</sup> – Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010): [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/survey/survey\\_landed.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/survey/survey_landed.html)

Your voluntary participation will help us design projects that meet your needs and serve your communities. Please feel free to forward this invitation to participate to other interested stakeholders.

Sharon Lewis, Commissioner

## **Disability Rights Oregon**

Each year Disability Rights Oregon sets its goals and priorities, with help from the disability community, to guide the work we do and to further our mission and vision.

We would appreciate your help by filling out the on-line survey with the link below. If you know others who may be interested in helping us, please forward the survey information to them.

Here is the link to the on-line survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRO\\_2010\\_Priority\\_Survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DRO_2010_Priority_Survey)

The survey, in both English and Spanish, is also available on our website at [www.disabilityrightsoregon.org](http://www.disabilityrightsoregon.org)

## **National Family Support Survey**

[National Family Support Survey](#)

You are invited to be in a national research study of supports for families of youth with disabilities. This National Survey is for the parent or primary caregiver of a young person with disabilities between 12 and 22 years old. If you qualify please click on the above heading to partake in this research study.

**Your answers** to the questions on the National Family Support Survey are confidential and will help the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, parent centers, and researchers understand the information and supports families need to prepare for moving into adulthood. The Family Advocacy and Support Training (FAST) Project is funded by the Administration on Development Disabilities (ADD) as a Project of National Significance.

**The information you share is extremely valuable and may help to inform program development for youth with disabilities in the future. We encourage you to participate and greatly appreciate your time.**

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