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### Program E-news - January 2011



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#### **Update Your Online Program Profiles**

Oregon Mentors' volunteer referral database is the easiest way for potential volunteers to learn about you - our registered programs. However, it's critical that the information in this database is updated and accurate. Please log-in to your [profile](#) and confirm that your the information is correct and up to date. If you have trouble logging in, contact [Celeste](#) for assistance.

#### **Join Us for January's Training and Network Meeting**

Please join us for this Friday's Portland area training - *Including LGBT Youth in Youth Programs* - from 10am to 1:30pm at the PSU Smith Memorial Union (1825 SW Broadway) in Room 238. Researchers Kris Gowen, Ph.D. and Christian Rummell will discuss how to provide safe spaces for LGBTQ youth, what the data says, how to identify and correct biases, and they'll review important terms regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. Please RSVP to [Caitlin](#) by Wednesday.

Then come back to see us on Tuesday, Jan. 25 from 12:15 to 1:30pm at the Northwest Library (2300 NW Thurman St.) to discuss screening, interviewing and liability. Celeste will present information on best practices and facilitate a discussion.

Check out our online [calendar](#) for new meetings and trainings in February.

#### **NEW DATE for the 2011 Oregon Mentors Conference – May 2 & 3**

Please update your calendars to Save the Date for Oregon Mentors' 2011 Conference on May 2 and 3. [Dr. Michael Karcher](#) will be the keynote speaker on the first day and the second day will offer time for further discussion and breakout sessions. The conference will be held at NW Natural in downtown Portland and registration will be offered at a discount for Oregon Mentors' registered programs. More details and registration information coming soon!

#### **New Program Offers \$5 Tickets to the Arts**

An exciting new opportunity for low income Oregonians was launched Jan. 5. [Music for All](#), a six month pilot program, offers the opportunity to buy tickets to

Portland area symphony, opera, ballet, chamber and vocal music for \$5 each. A dozen groups have joined together for this program aimed at people with Oregon Trail Cards using the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program). SNAP enrollees can buy tickets by showing their Oregon Trail Card, but they must pay with their own money -- benefits can't be used to buy tickets. Please encourage your youth and their families to take advantage of this exciting opportunity!

### **Mentor Recruitment through Foster Care Service Campaign**

Oregon Mentors' volunteer referral Web site has been linked to a new campaign to encourage Oregonians to support children in the foster care system. The Oregon Commission on Children and Families, Oregon Department of Human Services, Juvenile Court Improvement Program and Casey Family Programs are launching this public awareness campaign, ultimately encouraging individuals to take action and volunteer to support these children. You may hear potential volunteers referencing a series of TV and newspaper ads that call attention to the challenges facing children in foster care. These ads direct people to a [Web site](#) where they can connect to Oregon Mentors' site and find your program. We hope you'll be able to respond quickly to connect interested volunteers to opportunities within your program.



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