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EVENTS**Portland -- Richard Catalano Lecture**

March 19th, 2009, 7:15 p.m.
Communities That Care: Using the Research Base for Prevention Science
Smith Memorial Student Union Multicultural Center
1825 SW Broadway, Room 228, Portland, OR 97201

This event is free and open to the public. PSU Parking is free after 7:00 p.m.
To RSVP for this event please e-mail Karen Harrington at karenh@pdx.edu.
For more information about Richard Catalano visit: <http://depts.washington.edu/ssdp/catalano.shtml>

Portland -- Oregon Mentors Annual Conference "GET INSPIRED!"

April 2nd and 3rd - NW Natural, 220 NW 2nd, Portland

Conference agenda and registration form available online at:
<http://oregonmentors.org/formentoringprograms/annualconference>.
Please register by March 27th, 2009

If you have any questions please contact Kartika at 503.517.8990

SALEM -- Day at the Capitol

April 10 (Good Friday) - 9 a.m. -- 2 p.m.
Contact Celeste at: celeste@oregonmentors.org to RSVP your program's attendance.

Oregon Mentors is working for you, and with you, to educate our legislators about the importance of mentoring as a strategy to help young people succeed in life.

April 10th will be a day for youth, mentors, program staff and board members to meet with their local legislators ask them to take real actions to benefit mentoring in their communities.

NEWS

Oregon Mentors Southern Oregon Manager Position - On Hiatus

Since March of 2007, Oregon Mentors has had a full time Southern Oregon manager serving mentoring programs in the community. Given the current economy, we have placed the position on hiatus. Oregon Mentors will continue serving the five county region (Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry, Klamath) through the efforts the Portland office staff members. In addition, Barbra Henry, the Youth Development Network coordinator will continue to serve Jackson County. Barbra will be hosted by the Jackson County Commission on Children and Families. Oregon Mentors Southern Oregon board of directors will meet quarterly to support our efforts in the community. We will review the possibility of re-establishing the position again in the fall of 2011, at the earliest. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Becic at 503-517-8990.

Celeste Janssen Returns to Oregon Mentors

Celeste writes: "Hello, Mentoring Programs! On March 2nd, I joined Oregon Mentors as the Program Manager. My name might be familiar, as I was formerly with Oregon Mentors. I've recently been working in the environmental public health sector on policy and child development issues. I am delighted to return to an organization that is moving in a great direction including: gaining traction with its Team Oden outreach to the public, mentors and youth; working to develop a legislative agenda, and continued strategic partnerships to advance mentoring in Oregon. I'm thrilled to see several projects, which I helped develop, are now a reality: TACS scholarships, and Web-based annual data reporting. Kartika Vasavada has been doing an excellent job, and she will continue to work on program activities alongside me. If you have ideas, or need support on a mentoring issue, send me an email at celeste@oregonmentors.org. I look forward to seeing you at the Oregon Mentors conference on April 2nd and 3rd!"

Portland Youth Development Network

Oregon Mentors has successfully recruited an AmeriCorps VISTA candidate for the Portland Youth Development Network Coordinator position. Jennifer Dressen will begin her year of service April 16th, 2009. We are looking forward to having her join our team and expanding the network of mentoring and after school programs in the Portland-Metro area.

RESOURCES

TACS scholarships

Have you used your TACS (Technical Assistance for Community Service) scholarship yet? Each mentoring program, registered with Oregon Mentors, that has completed its 2007-08 match data, is eligible for a \$250 scholarship to TACS workshops, joining a regional network, or attending individual networking events. Learn more about what TACS can offer you at: www.tacs.org. The updated 2009 training catalog can be located on their website at www.tacs.org/training. To obtain your scholarship please e-mail Kartika@oregonmentors.org.

New Seasons Benefit BBQ

"Benefit BBQ" July 25th and 26th, 2009, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Nine New Seasons locations in Portland are hosting a "Benefit BBQ" for local area programs. Each program will be responsible for providing 2-3 volunteers per day (1 to work with food, 1 to handle money, and 1 to help in case someone else needs a break). These volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Programs can have extra volunteers (2-4) to stand by the store doors to help promote their program. These volunteers can be any age.

The final date to RSVP for this event will be May 28th. To be advertised in the New Seasons April Newsletter, you must RSVP by March 30 - email Kartika@oregonmentors.org.

Resources Galore!

NAYA Family Center and Monica Parmley, a LCSW in the Portland community, created a robust resource guide of Portland Metro (and some statewide) community services. Just a few categories include: Population-specific agencies pages 89-93, Senior and Disability Services pages 94-96, Transportation and Bus Tickets pages 97 - 98
Youth Services pages 99 -103.

Often a program coordinator, or mentor, would like access to agency information that could assist a mentored youth with a needed service.

<http://www.portlandimpact.org/Resources%20Galore%201.08.pdf>

Portland Impact's Web site links to this resource as well as other referral sites.

<http://www.portlandimpact.org/links.htm>

Foundation Funding

Oregon and Pacific NW -- Autzen Foundation - Proposal deadline: April 13
Broad purpose; emphasis on youth, education, arts, and nature. Send letter of proposal and project budget, 501c3 to: Robin Stewart, PO Box 3709 Portland, OR 97208. (503) 226-6051. E-mail: autzen@europa.com

Oregon and Clark County Washington -- Meyer Memorial Trust, small grants program - Proposal deadline: April 15 - www.mmt.org, (503) 228-5512

Rogue Valley - Carpenter Foundation - Proposal deadline: April 30
Grants are made in four areas: human services, education, the arts, and selected public interest areas. Contact: Polly Williams, (541) 772-5732, www.carpenter-foundation.org, pwilliams@carpenter-foundation.org. 711 E. Main St, #10, Medford, OR 97504.

11 NW Oregon counties -- Spirit Mountain Community Fund - Proposal deadline: May 1 - SMCF supports aspirations of youth. Applications for requests of \$25,000 or less are accepted any time during the year. Go to: www.thecommunityfund.com for details. Contact: (503) 879-1400, communityfund@grandronde.org.

Pacific NW -- Anne A. Berni Foundation - Proposal due: Due May 1, Provides funding to projects that benefit the welfare of children. Request applications from US Bank, Marlyn Norquist (503) 275-5929



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