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Oregon Mentors' New Assistant Program Manager
Welcome Meghan Ferns!

Meghan Ferns has started as Oregon Mentors' new Assistant Program Manager this week! She'll work with Celeste to offer services directly to mentoring program staff, including trainings, resources and general program assistance. Many of you know Meg from her work with local mentoring programs over the last few years. She's served as an AmeriCorps recruitment specialist, case manager, and program coordinator for area programs and has been active in the Oregon Mentors community. You can reach Meg at (503) 517-8990 x10 or meghan@oregonmentors.org.

Governor Kitzhaber Chairs
Our 10th Anniversary Luncheon

We're thrilled to announce Governor John Kitzhaber will chair our luncheon on Thursday, October 27. He will be presented with the Outstanding Individual award for his support of mentoring over his career and he'll share his thoughts on the importance of mentoring and education.

Don't forget - each registered program can receive a free ticket to the event by e-mailing info@oregonmentors.org with your request. Additional tickets will be sold at \$25 each for nonprofits. To purchase additional tickets or learn more about the event, please visit <http://oregonmentors.org/partners/annualevent/>.

We're also excited to share this year's youth speaker and award winners:

2011 Youth Speaker
Johnny Valenzuela
Portland OIC at Rosemary Anderson High School

Mentor/Mentee Match of the Year
Julie and Loraine

Exceptional Mentoring Program
Family of Friends

Annual Data is Due November 11th
Don't Lose Your Benefits!

It's that time of year again when Oregon Mentors asks you to take time to complete our annual data survey. As a reminder, completing this survey by Friday, November 11 is required to keep your registration active.

You should receive the detailed instructions and survey link via e-mail this week. Though we often send this e-mail to multiple staff members, only person per program is required to complete the survey.

Only active, registered programs are eligible for a number of benefits you can review on our [Web site](#) including:

- Tickets to Rose Garden and Jeld-Wen Field games and events
- Discounted trainings and network meetings. Non-active programs will be charged full price for participating
- \$100 Nonprofit Association of Oregon scholarship for trainings and workshops
- Eligibility for the Quality-Based Membership program launching in January 2012
- Customized program profile in Oregon Mentors' database at oregonmentors.org

Youth Suicide Prevention & Fingerprint Trainings
Available this Fall

Don't forget to check our [online calendar](#) for upcoming trainings and meetings in your area.

On Tuesday, October 18 from 11am to 1pm, Celeste will host **How to Take a High-Quality Fingerprint** at the Oregon Mentors office. Space is limited, so please RSVP to info@oregonmentors.org with the names of your staff who would like to attend so we can ensure there is space.

On Thursday, November 10, Oregon Mentors is hosting an important training in partnership with Portland State University's Center for Interdisciplinary Mentoring Research on **Youth Suicide Prevention**. First, Del Quest, a doctoral student in the PSU School of Social Work will present the recent national studies on youth suicide prevention and qualitative findings on what youth and teachers say about prevention here in the Northwest. Then Sonja Miller, coordinator for Integrated Behavioral Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services Division at Multnomah County, will inform participants about the warning signs to look out for and

how to access resources for youth in trouble.

The ***event is free and breakfast will be provided*** thanks to support for PSU, but RSVP is required because space is very limited. Register at: <http://youthsuicideprevention.eventbrite.com/>.

Youth Suicide Prevention Training

Thursday, November 10

9 a.m. – Breakfast is served

9:30am to Noon – Training Presentation

Smith Memorial Student Union

Vanport Room (Room 338 on 3rd Floor)

Portland State University

1825 SW Broadway, Portland

Don't Forget about Fall Good Deals for Good Deeds

Last month we released a new round of free and discounted coupon and ticket deals for mentors and youth from our registered mentoring programs. Don't forget to pass the e-mail and online registration link to mentors so they can sign up directly for these deals.

We're excited to share that Oregon Ballet Theatre has increased their GDGD to include select shows throughout the season in addition to the October 13 show originally advertised. Have your mentors sign up for this and other GDGD offers to receive instructions on how to purchase the discounted tickets.

This other Fall offers are from Portland Center Stage, HotLips Pizza, OMSI, and Portland Symphonic Choir. Don't miss out!

MentorPRO Launched 2.0 version

MENTOR, the National Mentoring Partnership has launched MentorPRO 2.0 and registration for this system will reopen October 5. All programs that have contacted MENTOR to express interest will receive notification directly. Information about the product can be found on [MENTOR's Web site](#).

If you're interested in using this system, but have not previously been in contact with MENTOR, please e-mail mentorpro@mentoring.org. They're also offering a free trial period from October 5 to December 31 to allow new users to get hands-on experience before they purchase the system. Contact MENTOR directly with any questions about the system whether you are a current or potential user.

Upcoming Oregon Grant Deadlines

Grant deadlines listed below are based on the 10th Edition Oregon Foundation Databook, so be sure to check with foundations and organizations to confirm before applying.

Dates to note for the coming month include:

October 15

Madrona Hill Foundation

Ann & Bill Swindells Charitable Trust - www.swindellstrust.org

November 1

Fischer Family Fund

Hoover Family Foundation - www.gosw.org/hff

The Jeld-Wen Tradition Foundation

Lilley Family Foundation

Women's Care Foundation - www.gosw.org/sites/wcf

November 2

Portland Women's Foundation - www.portlandwomensfoundation.org

November 15

The Autzen Foundation

The Carpenter Foundation - www.carpenter-foundation.org

Oregon Jewish Community Foundation - www.orejcf.org

November 16

PGE Foundation – www.pgefoundation.org



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