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### Hot Topics

#### Unlimited Free Tickets to Trail Blazer's Fan Fest

Looking for a fun event for your mentors, youth, or staff? Wells Fargo has given mentoring programs associated with Oregon Mentors tickets to the [Portland Trail Blazer's Fan Fest](#). Fan Fest, an intra-squad scrimmage, will be **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Portland Rose Garden. For tickets, please contact [Celeste@Oregonmentors.org](mailto:Celeste@Oregonmentors.org).

#### Legislative Project

Oregon Mentors is creating a Legislative Committee to provide input about policy and funding opportunities. If you have a passion for mentoring, a head for policy, or an interest to take part in this exciting endeavor, please email Carolyn at [Carolyn@Oregonmentors.org](mailto:Carolyn@Oregonmentors.org).

#### Volunteer Recruitment billboards and posters in Metro Area

Looking for some extra volunteer recruitment support this fall? Oregon Mentors is promoting mentoring in a BIG way this fall, with 13 eye-catching Team ODEN billboards. Additionally, we are continuing to reach a statewide audience with our mentoring PSA on Comcast.

## News

### Summer wrap-up

- Greg Oden hosted his second annual Summer Slam for mentoring this past August. More than 170 youth and mentors attended this free bowling, pizza, and arcade party.
- New Seasons Benefit BBQ for Mentoring raised more than \$6,600 for the 10 mentoring programs that participated. Thank you to OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring, Powerhouse Program, MIKE Program, Sky's the Limit, Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest, Family of Friends, 4 Results Mentor Program, Girls Inc of NW Oregon, Chemo Pal Program, IRCO's Mentoring Programs, and each program's participating staff and volunteers.

### Annual data for Oregon Mentors

**Reminder** - it is almost that time of year again. Very soon, Oregon Mentors will be sending out our request for data. This is the one required item we ask of registered programs. Look for the email in your inbox this month. And remember: filling out the data enables you to receive \$250 towards trainings at TACS.org, free Blazer tickets, a profile on [www.oregonmentors.org](http://www.oregonmentors.org), and much more.

### Oregon Mentor's Annual Luncheon

Oregon Mentors Annual Luncheon has been rescheduled in order to accommodate the schedule of our anticipated honorary chair. Information on the Luncheon will be sent out as we confirm details.

### Oregon Mentors is hiring!

Oregon Mentors is hiring an Office and Project Coordinator for our Portland office. The deadline to apply is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Check out the job description here:

<http://www.cnrg-portland.org/node/12183>

#### **Farewell to Kartika Vasavada**

After a year of excellent service to Oregon Mentors, Kartika Vasavada is leaving Oregon Mentors on September 30th. Kartika says: *"Hello! As some of you may know I have decided, with support from Carolyn, Celeste, and Christina to leave Oregon Mentors to pursue a career in direct service. In my time at Oregon Mentors, I have learned a great deal about working with non profit organizations and mentoring programs. It is still something that I very much care about, but at this point in my life and career my passion is in the field with youth. I appreciate all the knowledge I've gained from the programs and from Oregon Mentors in the past year, and it will surely help me in my future endeavors. Thank you for the opportunity to work with all of you, and I look forward to seeing you around Portland."*

#### **Needs Assessment raffle winners**

Thanks to all of you that filled out the needs assessment that we sent out in June. The winners of the \$50 gift card raffle were: Katie Barr, Susan Heitkamp, Kathleen Magnuson and Tonya Parsons.

## **Regional News**

#### **Statewide: Fingerprinting and Screening for Volunteers**

Can you produce square fingerprints? Do you know why missing deltas can lead to a rejected fingerprint? Join Oregon Mentors for a refresher course on fingerprinting. For Portland Metro Area programs: the class will be held at 1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 260 on September 29, 2009 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. RSVP to [Celeste@Oregonmentors.org](mailto:Celeste@Oregonmentors.org). For all other programs: contact Celeste to schedule a training in your area.

#### **Marion, Polk, Yamhill: Program Evaluation Training**

Back by popular demand, Oregon ASK is hosting a program evaluation training **October 28, 2009**. Logic Model Orientation and Overview from 9:30-11:00 a.m., and Evaluation & Working Session from 12 - 1:30 p.m. Location: TBA. RSVP to Lynn Kneeland, [lynn.kneeland@wesd.org](mailto:lynn.kneeland@wesd.org) or 503-540-4425

#### **Multnomah: DISC Communication Training**

The **October 14<sup>th</sup>** DISC Communication Training for the Portland Area mentoring programs has just two spots available. If you missed the information about DISC, or if you would like to RSVP, email Jennifer Dressen at [Jennifer@Oregonmentors.org](mailto:Jennifer@Oregonmentors.org). Due to response, Oregon Mentors will provide a second DISC training in late fall.

#### **Multnomah: Tabling for Volunteers at the Hollywood Farmer's Market**

Oregon Mentors has a volunteer recruitment booth at the Hollywood Neighborhood Farmer's Market. Registered programs are welcome to sign up for a time slot; the following times are available:

**October 17:** 1) 10 am to 11:30 am or 2) 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

**October 24:** 1) 8 am to 10 am or 2) 10 am to 11:30 am or 3) 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

**November 14:** 1) 10:30 am to noon or 2) noon to 1:00 pm

To sign up, email [Jennifer@Oregonmentors.org](mailto:Jennifer@Oregonmentors.org).

**Multnomah: Oregon Mentors at Coffee Talks in your neighborhood**

Oregon Mentors staff members are hosting "mentoring coffee talks" in neighborhoods around the Portland area. These gatherings are targeted toward engaging professionals working in helping professions to consider becoming a mentor. Details about upcoming coffee talks are available at: <http://oregonmentors.org/calendar/>

**Jackson: Prevention Council Meeting / Youth Development Network**

The Jackson County Prevention Council Meeting will be **September 23, 2009** at Medford Fabrication from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. To attend, contact Roxann Jones at [JonesRR@jacksoncounty.org](mailto:JonesRR@jacksoncounty.org).

**Jackson: Conference about Families and Substance Abuse**

The Jackson County Courts and Community are planning a conference on Families and Substance Abuse. The conference will be Friday, **November 20, 2009** at the Rogue Valley Medical Center. For more information, contact Barbra Henry at [ydnrogue-valley@ormentors.org](mailto:ydnrogue-valley@ormentors.org).

**Jackson: Training about Child Maltreatment**

The Children's Advocacy Center is taking registration for the semi-annual "Responding to Allegations of Child Maltreatment" training. The training will be held on Tuesday **October 6th** and Wednesday **October 7th** from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. There is no cost and lunch is provided. To register email Anna Loeffler at [aloeffler@cac4kids.us](mailto:aloeffler@cac4kids.us).

**Klamath, Lake: Youth Development Network Meeting**

The next YDN meeting will be Wednesday, **September 23, 2009** from noon to 1:15. Lunch will be provided. The YDN meeting will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room of the Public Health Building at 403 Pine St. To RSVP, email Sharon Bowman at [ydnklamath-lake@citizensforsafeschools.org](mailto:ydnklamath-lake@citizensforsafeschools.org). On the agenda: brief meeting followed by Sherri Bean, Director of the Klamath Commission on Children and Families, speaking on the Stakeholder's Juvenile Prevention Plan and survey.

**Resources for youth****Beat the Odds Scholarship for Youth**

Stand for Children Leadership Center is offering the Beat the Odds Scholarship. This \$2,500 award is renewable for four years (total award of \$10,000) for Oregon students who have overcome personal hardship to achieve academic success. Three awards are available and the deadline to apply is September 18<sup>th</sup>. More info can be found here: [www.standleadershipcenter.org/bto](http://www.standleadershipcenter.org/bto)

**All Portland Public Students Ride Free on TriMet**

**New:** All students enrolled in Portland Public Schools may now ride free on TriMet with their 2009-10 student ID cards. The fee waiver begins on September 1, 2009 and will end on June 30, 2010. For more information, visit: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/news/1028.htm>

**Funding****Funding or Resource? It's both**

Check out Education Northwest's (formally Northwest Regional Education Laboratory)

sustainability forum chock full of announcements about funding opportunities including recently released federal RFPs. <http://mentoringforums.nwrel.org/forum/15>

Oregon -- **Jubitz Family Foundation** - Proposal deadline: Oct. 1 - Primary areas of interest: early childhood development; environmental stewardship, with emphasis on youth education; and peace making activities, emphasizing teaching peace conflict resolution to adolescents. [www.jubitz.org](http://www.jubitz.org), Ray Jubitz, (503) 274-6255.

*Oregon and Clark County Washington* -- **Meyer Memorial Trust**, proposal deadline: Oct. 15 - [www.mmt.org](http://www.mmt.org), (503) 228-5512

*11 NW Oregon counties* -- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund** - Application deadline - Oct. 15 (for grant requests above \$25,000) 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](http://www.thecommunityfund.com) for details. Contact: [communityfund@grandronde.org](mailto:communityfund@grandronde.org).

Portland - **Irwin Foundation** - Proposal due: November 1, Contact Karri Kostur, US Bank of Oregon (503) 275-4879

*Oregon and Pacific NW* -- **Autzen Foundation** - Proposal deadline - Nov. 15  
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](mailto:autzen@europa.com)

*Oregon and Clark County, WA, Portland given preference* - **Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation** - Proposal deadline: Nov. 30. Makes grants to programs that assist in treating and alleviating physical, emotional, social and educational impairments particularly affecting youth and the elderly. Contact: Barbara Hall, (503) 973-0286 for proposal requirements.




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