



Foster Providers Forum

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Resources and Information for the Developmental Disabilities Foster Provider Community in Lane County

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Foster Provider Picnic

Come join us for the 7th Annual Foster Provider Appreciation Picnic.

We've changed the location this year but we'll still bring the food, the music and the "thanks"- you just bring yourselves! Let us show you how much we value your hard work with a day in the park with us and other foster providers.

When: Thursday, July 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: **Island Park - 200 West B Street
Springfield**

RSVP to Raneë at the DDS office - 682-3655

Upcoming Trainings

July 20 Provider Training is cancelled.

Mandatory Abuse Reporting and Protective Services Training

August 29 — 9:00 a.m. to noon
August 30 — 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
December 4 — 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
December 6 — 9:00 a.m. to noon
Hilyard Community Center
Contact Raneë @ 682-3655 to register

Foster Provider & Caregiver Conference

Thursday, October 19
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lane Community College

Welcome to our new providers

Sherry Attak
Jon Farah
Valeriy & Irina Starodubtsev





Home Food Delivery

As a foster care provider, it can be a challenge to find the time to shop for groceries, especially fresh produce and dairy products. Some foster care providers use businesses that provide home deliveries for these items, as well as frozen foods, meats and prepared meals. A list of businesses that provide home delivery services, many of which welcome business accounts to their customer base, are on page 4. Give them a try!

Discount at Oregon State Parks



Foster families may obtain discounted or free admission at Oregon day use areas and campgrounds. Verification of foster provider certification or license is required in most cases and use is intended for foster family groups. Further information about State Park discounts and use of free fishing licenses for foster home clients may be accessed through Sue E. in the DDS office at 682-3695.



Kids Corner

The weather is warm, the sun is bright and suddenly all of Oregon is out of doors. That means that summer is upon us again. What summer means to me is backyard barbeques, floating in a pool or river and exploring the bounties of nature. What it also means is school is out for the summer and vacation plans are beginning to take shape.

It generally takes some time for foster families to adjust to the change in summer schedules and routines. Helping your children to adjust to the changes that summer brings with it often can

spell the difference between blissful excitement and your worst nightmare. Helping to make clear routines and expectations can ease the process along. Providing a range of structured activities along with adequate opportunities for rest and relaxation with the family works the best in most cases. Planning activities and projects as a family can also help alleviate some of the stresses.

A major task for summer is how to keep those active kids busy and smiling. There are a wide variety of programs and activities that take place over the summer. Many of them are free or low cost and provide opportunities for an impromptu outing. Some children may attend summer school, camp or other programs for a portion of the

summer. Most kids are at their best when they are involved in family activities. These can range from camping, trips to the coast, fishing, summer markets or fairs to just plain hanging out with the family. Local parks and recreation programs can provide lots of ideas on how to keep those kids occupied. I'm including additional ideas elsewhere in this newsletter.

Most of all summer is a time to enjoy being a family. Your children can cherish fond memories to last a lifetime from simple things done with love. When all is said and done, foster families are professionals at providing love and nurturance. Have a great summer! See you at the Foster Appreciation Picnic in July!

John Woodie

Foster Provider Focus: Gary & Kathleen Noes



Gary and Kathleen Noes are new child foster providers but certainly not new to parenting. They have been married for 23 years and have raised six children who are all grown and living around the nation including Oregon. They relocated to this area in order to be closer to some of their grandchildren who they adore.

The Noes' have a variety of interests including refurbishing their immaculate 1925 era farmhouse in Thurston. Gary is very skilled in his abilities to complete most of the work himself. A recent project was enclosing a back porch to make a beautiful sitting room. Kathleen in the meantime works as an instructional assistant in an area life skills classroom.

Both Gary and Kathleen are proud to be foster providers for one lucky boy who is currently in their care. Being providers has been a good outlet for them to give to others as they find themselves as empty nesters. They are strong advocates for children who need a loving home. We are fortunate to have them and welcome them to the child foster system.

Summer Food Program offers FREE MEALS for Children

Most sites open June 19 through August 18
Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.



For site location or more information call FOOD for Lane County at 343-2822

Ask Joanne!



We welcome your questions, and requests to clarify any information that you find confusing, unclear or suspect is a rumor...let us know!

Q: How often do I have to review the Mandatory Abuse Reporter information?

A: According to the Adult Foster Rule, you and your caregivers are required to review this information annually and document that you have done so. Please see the enclosed form "Mandatory Abuse Reporting Notice". It has the necessary information to review. You and your caregivers will sign the back page and keep for your records.

The Child Foster Rule requires Foster Providers to complete Mandatory Reporting Training prior to initial certification and annually thereafter.

Adult & Child Providers: Jill Adler from the DD office conducts several Mandatory Abuse Reporter trainings for both Adult and Child foster providers throughout the year. Watch for flyers in the mail or contact Rane Thompson at 682-3655 for the next available training.



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<p>Emerald Fruit and Produce 342-2136 2525 W. 7th Place—Eugene</p>  <p>Specialty: Fruit, produce, dairy, frozen foods, oils, tomatoes</p>	<p>Schwan's Home Delivery 689-9821 1-888-724-9267 www.schwans.com</p> <p>Specialty: Wide variety of frozen foods</p>	<p>Winter Green Farm 89762 Poodle Creek Rd—Noti www.wintergreenfarm.com</p> <p>Specialty: Organic fresh produce</p>
<p>Hey Bales! Farm 767-0379 www.heybalesfarm.com</p> <p>Specialty: Garden and heirloom produce</p>	<p>Laughing Stock Farm 345-2186</p>  <p>Specialty: Eggs weekly; meats monthly Note: Deliveries to Eugene area only</p>	<p>Pony Express 485-2090 Restaurant Delivery Services www.ponyexpressdelivery.com</p> <p>Specialty: Meal deliveries from several local restaurants</p> 
<p>Road Runner Delivery 343-4210 211 W. 6th and Charnelton www.bbeep.com</p> <p>Specialty: Providing delivery services for packages, grocery, business, medical supplies/equipment, mail, parts, etc.</p>	<p>Costco 285-2000 2828 Chad Drive—Eugene</p> <p>Specialty: Delivery of Costco products.</p>	<p>Old Time Dairy Delivery 741-7440</p> <p>Specialty: Dairy products, juices</p> <p>Note: This is a family run business which also operates foster homes. They prefer to provide delivery services for bulk orders.</p>

A FREE Drop-in Recreational Program in Your Neighborhood Park ! For More Information call 682-5521

- The sites will be open Monday through Friday:
- Peterson Barn Park**—870 Berntzen Rd. (10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)
 - Trainsong Park**—Edison St. (10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)
 - Churchill Youth Sports Park**—Bailey Hill Rd. (10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)
 - Stadden Park**—N. Adams & Cheshire (10:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.)
 - Washington Park**—2025 Washington St. (10:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.)
 - University Park**—E. 24th Ave. & University St. (10:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.)
 - Monroe Park**—8th Ave. & Monroe (10:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.)
 - State Street Park**—Dakota & Burnett Streets (10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)

Foster Forms now online!

Many of the forms that are used by foster providers on a regular basis are now online. The direct link is:

http://www.lanecounty.org/HHS_DevDis/AdultFosterCare.htm

You can also get there by going to the Lane County website, www.lanecounty.org, then clicking on 'departments', scrolling down to 'Health and Human Services' and selecting 'Developmental Disabilities'. If you have suggestions for things you would like to see on this website please e-mail your ideas to Mark Phinney at mark.phinney@co.lane.or.us.

