



2020 Annual Update

1,930 Regional Family Network Members
1,554 Facebook Likes



Connecting Families

Regional Family Network Event Highlights

Family Flamingo Showcase • Family Fall Event • Gratitude Activity Kits • Thanks Mom / Dad Activity Kits
Virtual Costume Party • Sensory Sampler Activity Kits • Disney Family Fun Day
My Monsters & Me Activity Kits • Winter Family Sing-Along
Celebrating Achievements Awards Gala: Online Edition



Strengthening Families

Family Training Event Highlights

- **Special Night Out for Parents -Strengthen Your Marriage**
- **Special Education IEP Basics Training**
- **Saving and Planning for the Future (Online Event)** with The Arc Oregon & Oregon Able Savings Plan
- **Alternatives to Guardianship** with The Arc Oregon Guardianship Advocacy & Planning Services
- **Your Game Plan for Special Education Services**
- **Let's Talk About Special Education**
- **Let's Talk About Other DD Services**
- **Let's Talk About Using PSWs during COVID**
- **Let's Talk about Easing Back into Community Life**
- **At Home Self-Care Strategies (Online Workshop)**
- **Happy & Healthy at Home (Online Workshop)**
- **Family Resilience Workshops**



Supporting Families Through Pandemic

OHA COVID Health Equity Grant Projects

- **Tutoring:** Provided funding for three dozen children to each receive in-home tutoring for up to 12 weeks.
- **Desk Sets:** Purchased desks, chairs and/or other items essential to learning at home for 65 local students.
- **Support:** 118 families received a \$200 gift card to help reduce stress after participating in two webinars focused on coping during COVID, including Happy & Healthy at Home, Family Resilience, and Self-Care.
- **Protection:** Distributed over \$15,000 worth of PPE (face masks, shields and no-contact thermometers) to hundreds of families across the region directly and through DD Services Offices & Brokerages. Purchased 2,000 kids face masks and shields for Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Head Start Health Fairs. Replenished supply of masks and thermometers for distribution in 2021.
- **Pulse Check:** 136 families responded to our needs survey and received \$100 gift cards and a pulse oximeter.
- **Clear the Air Equity Survey:** Over 60 families completed a comprehensive equity survey that addressed, disability, race, religion, gender, and socioeconomics. Two received Alen Air Purifiers each valued at \$500.



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Building Collaboration Systems Advocacy Highlights

- **Marion-Polk Family Resources, Support & Training (FRST) Group Coordination**
- **Special Education Advisory Committee Leadership for Salem-Keizer Schools**
- **Oregon's Developmental Disabilities Services Vision Advisory Group**
- **Community Service Integration Team Meeting Participation**
- **Provided Dozens of Local Families Individual Support, Consultation and Advocacy Assistance**
- **Supported Advocacy for Senate Bill 1606 Ensuring Access to Support Persons During Hospitalization for People with Disabilities**



Contracted Program Coordination

- **Community Based Organization** – Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties
Contracted by the Oregon Health Authority to support community members in quarantine during pandemic. Creating Opportunities supported 112 household during their quarantine, totaling 355 people in 2020.
- **Regional Family Network** - Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties
Contracted by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Disability Services and the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities to strengthen families and communities.
- **Employer Resource Connection** - Tillamook, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Linn, Benton & Lane
Contracted by the Oregon Home Care Commission to offer resources to those who employ PSWs.
- **GO Project** – Statewide
Contracted by the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition to support legislative advocacy.
- **Alliance for Early Intervention** - Statewide
Contracted by the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities to promote advocacy for EI/ECSE services.



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