



Summer 2010

Staff Spotlight:

Farewell to Melissa Miller

As some of you already know, Melissa Miller started a new job as a Treatment Court Coordinator with the Marion County Circuit Court on June 10, 2010. She was the Field Manager for Linn and Benton Counties, and had been with the CRB for about 15 years. She started out in the CRB's clerical support unit and was subsequently promoted four times. Her board members are quick to point out her almost encyclopedic knowledge of DHS policies and procedures.

Melissa's unique talents and experience often pulled her away from her Field Manager duties. She was one of the key staff people during design of the Juvenile OJIN Integrated Network (JOIN). This court case management system was the first in Oregon that brought data from the state courts and DHS together. More recently, Melissa acted as a liaison between the Oregon Judicial Department and DHS on the design of OR Kids, DHS' new case management system.

Melissa's coworkers recognize her as an accomplished facilitator. She excelled in making sure her board members had the information and tools they needed to conduct effective reviews, and never forgot to remind them of their value to the child welfare system. The CRB thanks Melissa for her dedicated service over the years and wishes her all the best in her new position.

Congratulations, Melissa!



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A Message From Our Director

Dear Volunteer Board Members,

There are challenging and difficult times ahead that affect your work as Citizen Review Board members. As you know, Governor Ted Kulongoski required Executive Branch agencies to develop and implement nine percent budget reduction plans to respond to Oregon's half-billion revenue shortfall for the current budget period (which ends June 30, 2011). The Judicial Department (and CRB), as part of the Judicial Branch are not subject to the Governor's allotment authority. The Oregon Legislature appropriates the Judicial Department's budget, and has the authority to change that appropriation during a regular or special legislative session.

Legislative leadership asked Chief Justice De Muniz to submit a plan for a potential Judicial Department nine percent General Fund reduction in the current biennium. A copy of the letter from the Chief and the Judicial Department plan can be found on the OJD website at this link: [click here](#).

Briefly, the plan: (1) Identifies broad areas of impact of a potential nine percent General Fund reduction to OJD in the last fiscal year of the biennium. The plan does not detail the number, type, or location of positions that might be affected. That information was not

available because the legislature must establish the amount of any reductions and individual courts and divisions need to submit plans to address their share of any reduction. (2) Notes that the \$13.2 million potential reduction is the equivalent of funding all staff in every court and division of the Judicial Department for seven weeks, or to fund 277 full-time-equivalent staff for 10 months. Note this is expressed as an equivalent to illustrate the significance and seriousness of the level of potential reduction to the OJD budget; it is not the predetermined approach.

The Chief Justice asked courts and divisions to submit the plans we would have to take to meet across the board reductions if they are necessary. For this exercise, CRB was asked to provide a plan for 3.08% of our 2009-2011 budget allocation; with only 12 months left in the biennium, this is equivalent to a 6.16% reduction. For CRB, we need to plan for an additional \$99,945 general fund budget reduction. Because the CRB has already reduced our general fund budget by \$825,000 since the 2007-2009 biennium, finding a way to plan for making this potential cut was extremely challenging.

A Message from Our Director (cont.)

I regret to inform you that, after careful consideration, I have recommended to the Chief Justice and State Court Administrator that we eliminate CRB review of OYA cases. Please know that we value the work of OYA boards, and this recommendation in no way diminishes our appreciation of your work. ORS 419A.107 states that "Subject to the availability of funds, a local CRB shall review the cases of youth offenders in the custody of the OYA and placed in substitute care..." This level of reduction, on top of previous reductions, would make it impossible for us to continue to conduct high quality OYA reviews. The Chief Justice and State Court Administrator have directed me to proceed with this plan.

Although we all regret the loss of the citizen voice in most delinquency cases, our reviews of OYA cases are not mandated by federal and state law, and the CRB is not able to collect federal IV-E funds to help support these administrative reviews. The CRB will continue to conduct dependency reviews for those children who are "dual jurisdiction" – both dependent and delinquent. This includes teens who remain committed to DHS, but because of a delinquency adjudication are placed in an OYA foster home. The CRB has traditionally reviewed these cases as dependency cases, because they need to comply with federal IV-E administrative review requirements. Cutting CRB review of OYA cases allows us to maintain the quality of our reviews of abused and neglected children after sustaining loss of staff resources. Since most of our general fund budget is now devoted to staff resources, the only real alternative would be to implement a staff reduction and overburden remaining staff with all of our current work. This alternative would not be sustainable.

Our staff have been working on ways to create new efficiencies and cost savings within the CRB (see the article on ePackets on page 10 of this newsletter). We are committed to these as a way to enable the CRB to continue to ensure the citizen voice in dependency cases. These efficiencies, along with the elimination of OYA reviews, better position the CRB to continue to conduct strong, beneficial, and effective administrative reviews of dependency cases to support our courts, improve casework practices, and achieve better outcomes for Oregon's children and families in future biennia.

We will continue with OYA reviews through August. Not only does this give us 60 days notice to OYA of

termination of our review function, as required by the intergovernmental agreement between OYA and OJD, but also gives us time to gather input and plan for board assignment changes. Field managers of boards that only conduct OYA reviews will be talking with board members about continuing their service on a dependency review board. Also, currently, most field staff have responsibility for supporting your work reviewing OYA cases. As a result, this plan requires that we reassign field staff for some of our local boards, and regrettably will result in staff layoffs. There are a variety of options being considered related to reassignments and efficiencies, including consolidation of some boards. If you have comments or suggestions, I would be interested in hearing your thoughts. I have scheduled a few CRB efficiencies conference calls specifically to hear from our volunteer board members. Please see the notice at the bottom of this page for dates, times, and call-in instructions to participate in a conference call. Otherwise, you may email or call me with your thoughts: leola.l.mckenzie@ojd.state.or.us or (503) 986-5942. As specific plans are developed, I will let you know.

Our difficult and challenging times continue, for CRB, our courts, the agencies we review, and the many children, youth, and families who find themselves in Oregon's foster care system. We appreciate and thank you for the important work you do - the citizen voice is critical to ensuring the safety, permanency, and well being of Oregon's most vulnerable children.

~ Leola McKenzie

CRB Efficiencies Conference Calls

You are invited to participate in any of the following scheduled conference calls to provide your thoughts and input on CRB efficiencies:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	9:00 - 10:00am
Thursday, July 8, 2010	4:00 - 5:00pm
Friday, July 9, 2010	12:00 - 1:00pm

Calling Instructions:

Dial 1-866-921-1127

Enter the conference code: 503-731-8585

You will be connected to the call!

CRB Annual Conference Returns with a Sense of Urgency

After a one-year hiatus, the CRB annual training conference, "Every Day Counts," made a vibrant return this April. Our annual conference was filled with energy and excitement after emerging from a difficult year with no conference. Over 225 people, including over 175 board members, attended this year's conference. Kevin Campbell opened the conference on Friday with his keynote speech, "Lighting the Fire of Urgency." He challenged us all to reconsider what we think is possible. Carmen Voilleque, our keynote speaker on Saturday morning gave us "A Glimpse of the Future" and helped us understand how to prepare for our transforming world.

At the conference dinner on Friday night, Chief Justice Paul De Muniz reiterated this sense of urgency when he warned us all of the dire economic straits facing the state of Oregon and the Oregon Judicial Department. Chief Justice De Muniz exhorted us to use the CRB Messaging Toolkit to educate our communities and our elected officials on the good work of the CRB and the need for a strong state court system. You can find the CRB Messaging Toolkit at CRB website "Resources" page under the "Volunteer Board Member Tools" heading at <http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/OSCA/cpsd/citizenreview/Resources.page>

As in past years, the conference provided a wide variety of workshops, but with a new focus. This year's conference featured longer workshops that focused on practical application in CRB reviews of the topics presented in the workshops. The topics covered a wide range from psychotropic medication and treatment issues to mastering the CRB review process.



Walt Gullett and Sam Tazumal partnered with Kevin Campbell for a workshop called "Who Am I? Why Family Matters."

One highlight of this year's conference was a raffle to raise funds for scholarships to Camp To Belong. Camp To Belong is an organization dedicated to reuniting brothers and sisters placed in separate foster homes or other out-of-home care for events of fun, emotional empowerment, and sibling connection. The raffle raised over \$1,000, which will provide scholarships for two siblings to attend Camp To Belong. The raffle was made possible by donations of gift baskets from board members throughout the state. The centerpiece of the raffle was an official team jersey for Pat Casey, the coach of the two-time national champion Oregon State University Beaver baseball team. See the articles on pages 3 and 4 for more information on the raffle, including a list of generous donors to the raffle, and messages from the scholarship recipients. You can also learn more about Camp To Belong at <http://www.ctbnorthwest.org/>.



Yamhill County Volunteer Board Members Elizabeth Thompson, Marcene O'Neil, Anne King, and Michal Alkoff

Thanks to our planning committee for a wonderful conference!

**Susan Taylor
Ellen Hyman
Joann Zimmer
Bill Distad
Shary Mason
Amy Scholerman
Rebecca Regello
Darcy Davidson
Clayton Kubota**

Did you miss the conference?

Conference materials and videos of some of the sessions are now available through our website, on the CRB Education and Training page at: <http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/OSCA/cpsd/citizenreview/EducationandTraining.page?>

By watching all of the online videos, and reading the materials, you can earn seven hours of training hours. Please remember to report these hours through our website at: <http://www.ojd.state.or.us/Web/CRBConfe.nsf/EducationCreditForm?OpenForm>



Speaker Laura Van der Noot Lipsky provided participants with tools for taking care of themselves while taking care of others.



Lane County Board Member, Ellen Hyman, won a lovely gift basket in the raffle to raise funds for Camp To Belong

A Special Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Donations of raffle baskets were generously provided by:

Lisa Pappalardo
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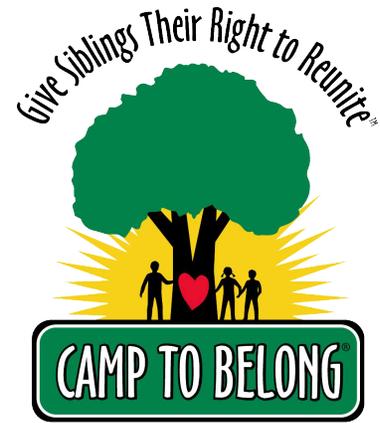
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Anne King
Marcene O'Neil
Elizabeth Thompson

Yamhill County CRB Members

CRB Volunteers Provide Scholarships to Camp to Belong

The raffle fundraiser at this year's Every Day Counts training conference was an enormous success, providing scholarships for two children in foster care separated from their siblings in different placements to spend a week together at Camp to Belong this year. Below are notes of thanks from our scholarship recipients and from the Camp to Belong director:

Dear CRB Volunteer,
thankyou so much for all
of your help for camp to belong.
you made me so happy because
I am able to go to camp with
my sister. Thankyou!
James M
age 9



Dear Special Person!
I thank you so much for
your donation to CTB!
It will let me see my brother
for the whole week! I +
was the most quality time I've ever
had with him!
Love,
Joe

Dear Citizen Review Board Volunteers,
We wish to thank you very much for your hard
work and effort to help us raise camp scholarships for Camp
to Belong Northwest. Your hearts and compassion for youth is something
that is evident in the commitment you have made to serving youth and families
through the CRB. I applaud you all for this and thank you for your dedication!
Your compassion to help Camp to Belong serve youth made a big difference for us
in these tough economic times! We are busy preparing for over 85 youth to come
to camp, make memories with their siblings, and create wonderful connections!
Thank you very much for your support in helping us do this!! We appreciate
you!!

Karyn Schimmels, Program Director

New DHS Relative Rules Effective July 1, 2010

Current Administrative rules regarding working with relatives focus on placements for children in foster care. Board members have reviewed many cases where there were no “appropriate” or “willing” relatives to provide a safe home for foster children. Frequently, children were left with no relative contacts. The new relative rules, OAR 413-070-0060 to 413-070-0087, clearly describe the Department's responsibility to search for and engage a child or young adult's relatives and persons with a caregiver relationship for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To engage in managing the child or young adult's safety;
2. To provide a substitute care resource;
3. To provide a permanent placement resource;
4. To develop and maintain family relationships and cultural connections with the child or young adult in substitute care; and
5. To gather family information and family history to plan for meeting the child or young adult's needs.

The new rules increase the number of people who are defined as relatives and include people not related

by blood, adoption, or marriage who had an emotionally significant relationship with the child or young adult, or the child or young adult's family, prior to placement in substitute care.

Kevin Campbell, founder of the Center for Family Finding and Youth Connectedness, and our opening keynote at our April Conference told us “It is never too late to look for family for a youth in care.” As CRB board members, you must ensure that the agency is conducting comprehensive searches for relatives, and that they not give up – regardless of the age of the child or teen in care.

Welcome Our New Volunteer Board Members

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest volunteer board members. Thank you for your dedication to Oregon's children and families!

Curry County

Alan Neerenberg

Deschutes County

Mary Patricia de Vargas
Stephany, Pat Driscoll, Marcia
Houston, Stephanie Jordan

Douglas County

Kimberly O'Neal

Lake County

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Phillips, Colleen Rogers, Sean
Stanton

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Donna Ching, Lori Knowles,
Sally Scholz

Polk County

Adam Perkins

Tillamook County

Debbie Carr, Andrea Goss,
George Lewis

Washington County

Christina Thompson-
Andrade, Robert Wilson

Yamhill County

Marcene O'Neil, Elizabeth
Thompson



*Deschutes County Presiding Judge
Michael Sullivan and Pat Driscoll*



*Mary Patricia de Vargas Steph-
any, Stephanie Jordan, Judge
Sullivan, and Marcia Houston*

Areas Where Transitioning Youth Need Services

Source: *Children's Bureau Express*
June 2010

In the effort to achieve independent adulthood, youth who age out of foster care have, in general, four possible avenues of life experience as they struggle to make it on their own long before the majority of their peers. These subgroups are identified in the latest issue brief from the Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth (Midwest Study): *Distinct Subgroups of Former Foster Youth During Young Adulthood: Implications for Policy and Practice*. The study's goal is to provide States with the first comprehensive view of how former foster youth are faring since the John Chafee Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 became law.

The study has been following 732 youth from Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Findings in this issue brief are from the fourth wave of data collected from interviews conducted with 584 youth when they were 23 and 24 years old.

Researchers took into consideration the youths' experiences in the following transition domains:

- Living arrangement
- Educational attainment
- Current employment
- Children
- Conviction of a crime since leaving foster care

Based on indicators, the four classes of former foster youth are:

- Accelerated Adults (36.3 percent): 63 percent female; most likely to live on their own, to have a college degree, and to be employed; nearly half with resident children
- Struggling Parents (25.2 percent): Nearly three-quarters fe-

male; nearly all have one living, resident child; most likely to be married or cohabiting; least likely to have graduated high school or attend college; lowest rate of employment; 70.7 percent receiving food stamps

- Emerging Adults (21.1 percent): about half male; living in settings that are not their own, with second-highest rates of college attendance and employment and the lowest rate of criminal conviction; most likely to avoid hardship
- Troubled and Troubling (17.5 percent): mostly male; most likely to be incarcerated, homeless, unemployed; about 20 percent not graduated high school; 80 percent convicted of criminal charges since age 18.

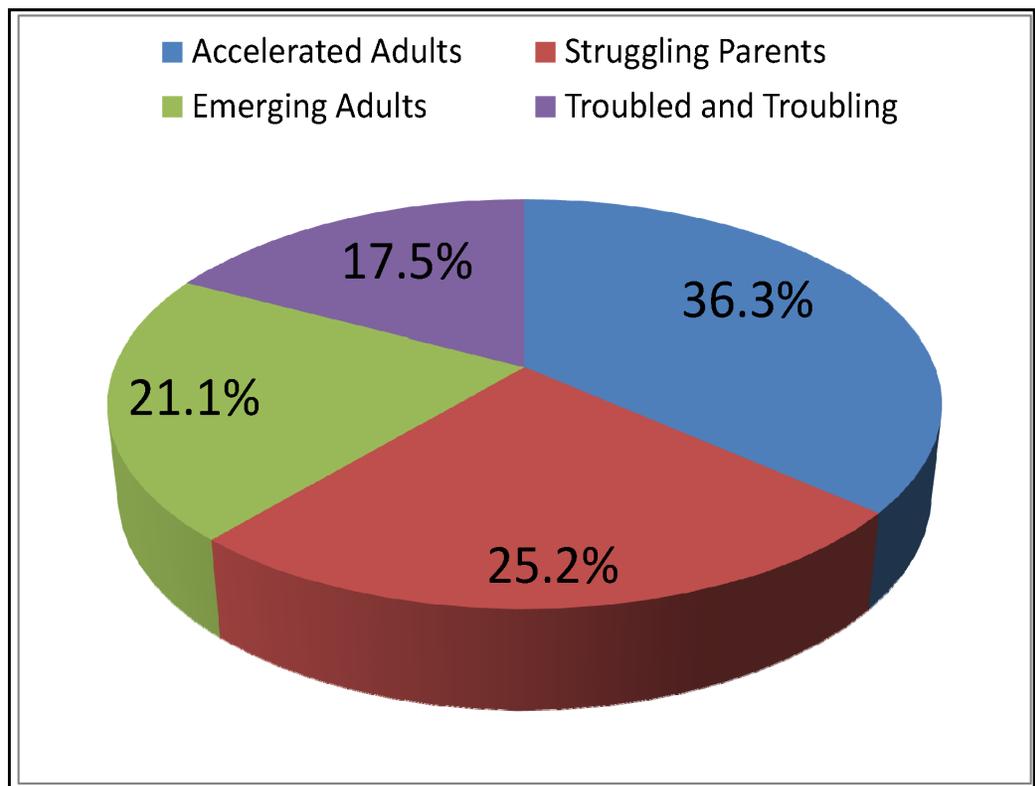
Researchers propose that these distinct subgroups support the call for more targeted policy and practice for youth to help them handle

the challenges of moving into adulthood from foster care.

The Fostering Connections Act, which allows youth to remain in foster care past age 18, may provide a policy framework to support effective social work practices for these youth.

The issue brief, by Mark E. Courtney, Jennifer L. Hook, and JoAnn S. Lee, can be downloaded from Chapin Hall Center for Children:

[http://chapinhall.org/sites/default/files/publications/Midwest IB4 Latent Class.pdf](http://chapinhall.org/sites/default/files/publications/Midwest%20IB4%20Latent%20Class.pdf)
(PDF - 404 KB)



Special Education and Section 504 Defined

-Submitted by Walt Gullett, CRB Field Manager

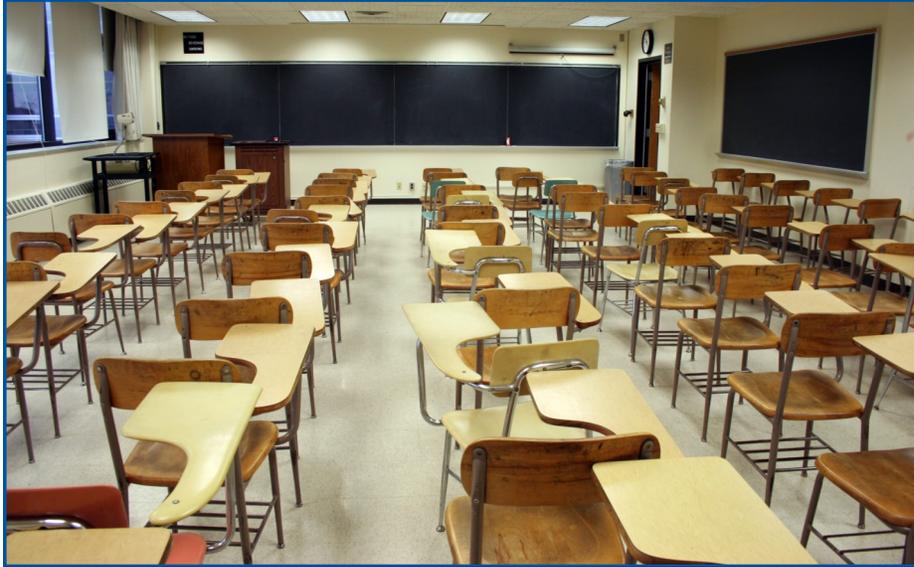
When the Juvenile Court holds a review hearing, the judge makes findings much like the CRB findings. One of the more recent additions to the required court findings is detailed in ORS 419B.449(d)

which states, "For a child or ward 14 years of age or older, whether the child or ward is progressing adequately toward graduation from high school and, if not, the efforts that have been made by the agency having custody or guardianship to assist the child or ward to graduate". National data advises that 12% of the student population receives some

form of academic assistance, but 47% of foster students participate in special education, and almost 20% more participate in Section 504, Title I, and ADA educational services. Judges and CRB Board Members are skilled at asking questions relating to safety, health and well being. A child's education is an important part of that inquiry. Two of the most important educational assistance Acts that Board Members should be knowledgeable of are the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA or special education), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504).

The IDEA guarantees a free and appropriate public education to every child, including those with disabilities. Special education assists children with disabilities to receive services and accommodations in the least restrictive envi-

ronment. Special education and related services and accommodations must be provided free to any child with an Individual Education Program (IEP). Often the foster care provider is designated as the child's surrogate parent to attend IEP meetings and to advocate for the child's educational needs. By



statute, the assigned DHS case-worker can not be the child's surrogate parent.

Special education has specific delineated categories and qualifications. The thirteen qualifying disability categories include: Autism; Developmental Delays; Deafness and Blindness; Emotional Disturbance; Hearing Impaired including deafness; Mental Retardation; Orthopedic Impairments; Other Health Impairments; Specific Learning Disabilities; Traumatic Brain Injury; Visual Impairments including blindness; Speech and Language Impairment; Multiple Disabilities.

Every school district has a duty to locate and evaluate resident students in need of special education, early intervention, and other assistance. Anyone with knowledge of the child (parent, teacher,

surrogate parent, foster care provider, child's attorney, case-worker, treatment provider) may request an evaluation. The school district must start the process within 30 days of the request and complete evaluations and implement services and accommodations in a reasonable time. CRB Board Members are encouraged to watch for unacceptable stalling tactics and slow implementation of needed services, for example: the special education classroom is full, but there is room next semester; the school would like to observe the student for a quarter before considering

assessments; the yearly special education budget is already spent but more money will be available next school year; the student appears to be improving and may not meet special education requirements; and, the last school district did not send the IEP so the child is placed in regular classes.

Unfortunately, foster children tend to move from school to school, so it is important to watch to make sure the IEP is transferred in a timely fashion. The receiving school has 5 days after enrollment to notify the sending school of the transfer, and the sending school has 5 days after notification to send the IEP to the receiving school. Discipline concerns also need to be monitored. A child with an IEP may be suspended for up to 10 days (consecutive or cumula-

Special Education and Section 504 Defined (cont.)

tive). A discipline plan and a safety plan should be in place. If a special education student is suspended for more than 10 days in a school year, then the school must provide services to meet the IEP goals.

Section 504 is not the same as the IDEA. Section 504 is a separate act, but a child with an IEP can often qualify for Section 504 services too. Section 504 protects qualified individuals from discrimination based upon a disability. The definition of disability for Section 504 purposes is a person with a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, including: caring for one's self,

walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, working, performing manual tasks, and learning. A child that does not qualify for IDEA services may qualify for Section 504. For example, "learning" is fairly generic when compared to the more precise categories in the IDEA. Regardless, the issue is to identify need, obtain evaluations, and implement services and accommodations.

Like judges, CRB Board Members are encouraged to explore every child's educational needs, and if the child is 14 years of age or older, ask about graduation credits, and efforts to provide any needed evaluations

and recommended services and accommodations. Additional information can be obtained from your Field Manager or Review Specialist and also from the following:

Oregon Department of Education: <http://www.ode.state.or.us>

Oregon Parent Training and Information Center: www.orpti.org

Oregon Advocacy Center: <http://www.oradvocacy.org>

Judge Waller Receives Award

The Honorable Nan Waller received the 2009 President's Public Service Award from the Oregon State Bar. During her years on the bench, Multnomah County Family and Juvenile Court Chief Judge, Nan Waller, has become known for her creative problem-solving and devotion to protecting the well-being of children. She volunteers countless hours developing and facilitating local and statewide activities that benefit children and families. Judge Waller has served as chair of the Wraparound Oregon Initiative, is a member of the Governor's Task Force on Child Welfare Racial Equity, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, the Attorney General's Underage Drinking Task Force, and the Oregon Commission on Children and Families. In 2008, she was appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to serve as the statewide convener for the Casey Safe Reduction of Foster Care Initiative.

Congratulations, Judge Waller!

Medical Coverage for Former Foster Youth

Advocates for foster children and youth hailed the passage of HB 3664 -A, a bill that expands medical coverage to former foster youth who age out of Oregon's foster care system, and continues coverage to age 21. The Oregon Legislature passed the bill with overwhelming bipartisan support. The bill will cover an estimate 400 former foster youth, ages 19-21, beginning this month.



For more information, you can access the full text of the bill at: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/10ss1/measpdf/hb3600.dir/hb3664.en.pdf>

A Little Inspiration...

"Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls."

~David Thomas

I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives.

~Tracy Chapman

In an effort to reduce the quarter of a million dollars the CRB spends each biennium copying and mailing case material to volunteer board members, the CRB started an ambitious project to send that material electronically. On January 1, 2010, the CRB's administrative office began mailing the case material on disks (called ePackets) to 19 volunteers that agreed to test the technology. Three months later, the CRB was ready to roll ePackets out statewide.

All volunteer board members should recall an introduction to ePackets conducted during one of their review days. This was intended to make board members aware of the advantages of ePackets, including the ability to search and copy text from the case material and paste it into an electronic case notes sheet. Board members could then volunteer to participate in a trial period where they would receive the ePacket along with their paper case material for three months.

As of today, 200 volunteer board members (about 54%) are trying ePackets for three months. Forty-two have already decided to forgo the paper.

Over the last several months, the CRB's administrative office has been working closely with the Oregon

Judicial Department's technology division to develop a secure way of accessing ePackets via the internet. This will result in even more cost savings and have the added benefit of instantaneous delivery of the material.

On June 21, 2010, the CRB's administrative office began testing online ePackets with the 42 board members who no longer want paper. About ten days before their review day, these board members receive an email indicating that their ePackets are available online. They simply click on a link in the email and are automatically directed to the case material. If their internet access is slow, they have the option to save the case material to their personal computer and access it offline. Once online ePackets are fully tested, they will be offered to all volunteer board members to try.

The CRB would like to thank all of its support staff for their efforts in scanning the case material and preparing the ePackets; the field staff for championing ePackets with their boards; and, most especially, the 200 volunteer board members who are trying the technology.



Save the Date: Shoulder to Shoulder 2010

-Submitted by Shary Mason, JCIP Analyst

Mark your calendar for the *Shoulder to Shoulder* conference, November 16, 2010, at the Oregon Convention Center.

National speakers will include Shay Bilchik, Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University Public Policy Institute, and Judge Patricia Martin, Presiding Judge from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. There will be more

than 36 workshops to choose from on Courts, Children and Abuse, Systems, Coping and Stress Management, Gangs and Crossover Youth, and Permanency.

Of particular interest to courts will be the Judge's Panel consisting of Judge Jim Fun, Judge Nan Waller, Referee Michael Livingston, Judge Douglas Van Dyk, and Tribal Judge Anita Livingston of Warm Springs. The panel will be moderated by CRB Director, Leola McKenzie. Other notable workshops include Judge Dale Koch and Rebecca Orf

speaking about domestic violence in child dependency cases, and a panel that will include Judge Nash, Judge Martin, and Judge Waller. Kevin Campbell and Dr. Julian Davies will also be back by popular demand.

As the date gets closer, look for registration information on the conference website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/fostercare/conference/index.shtml>