

WRAP NEWS



EVERYTHING IS A STRENGTH OR A NEED

Allyn Latorre, MSW with Options Counseling recognized that one of the major challenges confronting his client was the difficulty that his team members had in working together. Each team member represented a different system (DHS, DD Services, Mental Health, Schools, CASA, and Attorney) and they were struggling to figure out how to support his client, his new foster mom, and his biological family. The team was stuck and frustrated as the youth pitted team members against each other in his attempts to get his needs met. The problems the team had in working together mirrored the difficulty that the youth's family had historically experienced in supporting him, and he was struggling. The team's difficulty in aligning their approach was significant enough that Allyn suggested adding Wraparound services.

"We called in Wraparound to get facilitation between all the services in my client's life", Allyn said. The Wraparound team quickly determined they needed to meet weekly for several weeks to clarify roles and get goals established. With this high level of commitment in place Aimee Griffin,

Wraparound facilitator worked hard to get the team to shift their orientation to recognize that everything the youth was doing represented either a strength or a need. This intentional focus on strengths and needs helped to transform the team in just a few months.



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The team was able to appreciate how challenging behaviors were the youth's attempts to manage his basic needs, and grew in their appreciation of how his disability and mental health issues impact the range of ways in which he can meet his needs. The new foster mother started building the way that she worked with the youth on his strengths. As the

communication improved, team members started better understanding their roles and became more able to listen to alternate perspectives. The team became more consistent and the youth began to understand who his team is and how they support him. Allyn reflects, "The Wraparound process is like systems therapy!".

The new consistency and good communication in the Wraparound team provides the foster parent with the support she needs. The team is no longer focused on the crisis of the day, but is starting to look at the long term possibilities for this youth. His anxiety is reduced and his engagement with his skills trainer and therapist is excellent.

Allyn adds, "a year ago we were focused on the family violence and disrupted foster homes my client was experiencing. Now just a few months later the team is talking about his social growth and desire for a girlfriend. The challenge the team faces is no longer how to find our way through our own challenging dynamic but rather can we keep up with this young man's development? Can we change and adapt as quickly as he is?"



PROMOTING CONSUMER VOICE

A Partnership between Latino Network Conexiones and NAMI Multnomah

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Does your child receive mental health services through Verity?

Would you like to be on the cutting edge of information and changes in the Children's Mental Health System?

Do you have ideas about system improvements?

We are working to bring youth and family voice to Multnomah County Behavioral Health Programs. We need family voices to inspire better services.

Wraparound Family & Youth

Advisory Council:

September 11, 2012

5:30—7 p.m.

Multnomah Building

501 SE Hawthorne

4th Floor Oak Conference Room

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Back to School Resources

SALVATION ARMY GRESHAM sending backpacks with supplies directly to schools in the Gresham-Barlow, Sandy, Oregon City and Canby school districts. Child needs to contact school counselor.

SCHOOLHOUSE SUPPLIES ELIGIBILITY - Child attending one of the following schools will receive free school supplies AT THE SCHOOL. Parent does NOT need to contact Schoolhouse Supplies. Participating schools: Beach (PreK-8) - Boise Eliot (Pre K-8) - Bridger (K-8) - César Chávez (K-8) - Creston (K-8) - Faubion (PreK-8) - Franklin (9-12) - Grout (K-5) - Harrison Park (K-8) - James John (PreK-5) - Kelly (K-5) - King (PreK-8) - Lee (PreK-8) - Lent (K-8) - Marysville (K-8) - Ockley Green (K-8) - Peninsula (K-8) - Rigler (K-8) - Rosa Parks (K-5) - Rosemary Anderson (9-12) - Scott (K-8) - Sitton (PreK-5) - Vernon (PreK-8) - Vestal (K-8) - Whitman (K-5) - Woodlawn (PreK-8) - Woodmere (K-5)

PORTLAND PTA COUNCIL - 503- 293-0783
WHAT - Clothing
WHEN - August 29 - 30 - 31 - Sept 1 - 9:30am to 1pm
 Monday and Thursdays during school days from 10am to 1pm.
WHERE - Marshall High School at 3905 91st Ave room D60.
APPLICATION: Parents need to go to their school office to get an application and fill out prior to visit. **ELIGIBILITY** - Must be a student of Portland Public Schools.

CLOSET to CLOSET, Centennial Education Foundation
 Provides new and used clothing to school-age children via vouchers from Centennial school counselors. The CLOSET to CLOSET store is run by students from the Centennial Transition Program and community volunteers. Store hours are noon to 2 pm on Mondays, and 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm on Tuesdays. Students who receive a voucher will be able to take home eight articles of clothing up to two times per school year.

Consignment Sales: Affordable School Clothing

Twice Around The Block Children’s & Maternity Consignment September 5-8, 2012
 Courtney Plaza – 13843 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie OR 97222
 Wednesday September 5: 12 pm – 7 pm
 Thursday Sept 6: 10 am – 7 pm – Restock Day! New items available!
 Friday September 7: 10: am – 7 pm – Most items 25% off
 Saturday September 8: 10 am – 7 pm – Most items 50% off

Just Between Friends
September 13-16, 2012
 Portland Expo Center – 2060 N Marine Drive, Portland OR 97217
 Friday September 14: 12 pm – 7 pm
 Saturday September 15: 9 am – 4 pm
 Sunday September 16: 9 am – 2 pm *most items half off!*

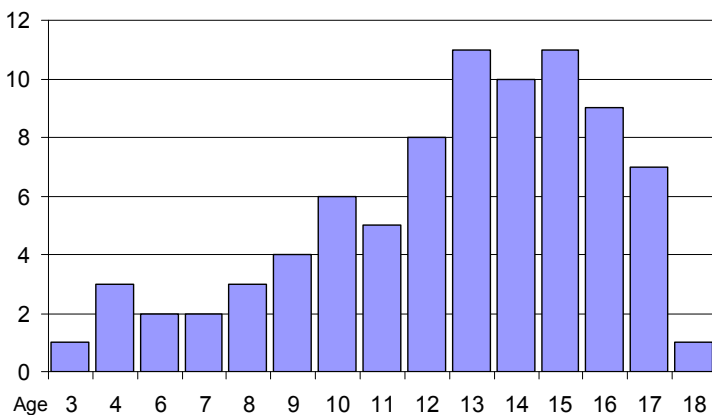
My Kids to Your Kids
 Sept. 21-23, 2012
 Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center
 1000 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR 97232
 *Private presale: Thursday Sept. 20th at 6pm for new moms/foster mom’s.
 *Parents with Special Needs Kids are welcome to shop from 8-9pm for a quieter shopping experience. Bring the kids!

Ever After Resale
 September 28-29, 2012
 Canyon Place Beaverton (Between Marshall’s and TJ Maxx):
 3805 SW 117th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005
 Friday, Sept. 28th, 2012 - 9:00am to 8:00pm
 Saturday, Sept. 29th, 2012 - 9:00am to 1:00pm Discount Day

Super Kids Resale Portland
 October 4-7, 2012
 Tentative Location: Gresham Town Fair
 430 NW Eastman Parkway
 Wednesday, October 3: Exclusive Presales for Consignors, Volunteers, New Parent/**Foster Parent**/Teen Parents.
 Thursday October 4: 9 am – 8 pm. First 500 Shoppers receive Super Goody Bags full of valuable coupons.
 Friday October 5: 9 am – 8 pm. New Parent Paradise Items and New Kids Items such as Toys and Gear!
 Saturday October 6: 9 am – 5 pm. Family Fun Activities All Day! 6-8pm 1/2 price presale for consignors and volunteers.
 Sunday October 7: 9 am – 5 pm. Many Items are ½ Off!

Full House Moms and Dads
 October 5-6, 2012
 Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center
 1000 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR 97232
 Friday October 5: 10 am – 7 pm
 Saturday October 6: 11 am – 2 pm (many items 50% off)

Multnomah Wraparound serves youth between ages 3 - 18 years. Ages of youth served as of August 1, 2012:



FamilyCare and Health Share of Oregon Launch CCOs in Metro Region

The Tri-County Medicaid Collaborative, now called Health Share of Oregon is certified and will begin operating as a CCO on September 1st. The Family Care CCO began operating August 1st. More information is available at <http://web.multco.us/news/familycare-and-health-share-oregon-launch-health-transformation-metro-region>

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