

Resource

Resources compiled by a parent for parents of students in special education

Special Points of Interest:

- www.adaptiveridinginstitute.org
 - www.orpti.org
 - www.thearemarion.org
 - www/gemchildren.org
 - www.childdisabilityconnection.org
- Summer Camps are Already Filling:**
- www.upwardboundcamp.org
 - www.campattitude.com



Saturday Night Dances Teens and adults dance and socialize to the sounds of popular music provided by a DJ! 7-9 pm 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month at Houck Middle School in Salem. Cost: \$3.00 per time (Parents, aids & assistants - no charge). **Michelle McKenzie 503-588-1314**

Saturday Afternoon Out Every Saturday 1-4 PM for young adults and school age kids. 200 NE 25th - Mill Creek Meadows Recreation Room Cost: \$5 per Saturday **Katelyn Kessler 503-409-5792**

Parent's Night Out

Need a break, a quiet shopping trip, a date night? Easter Seals Therapy Center offer programs for our kids one Friday night a month. To find out how you can participate, please call: **Easter Seals 503-370-8990**



Easter Seals is also offering their Sib Shops again December 19 from 9:30-2:30. Sib Shops is a work shop for teens between the ages of 8 and 18 years old that have a sibling with special needs. They have the opportunity to meet and talk to other teens, share feelings, make new friends, participate in activities and eat snacks. **Please call Teresa for more details: 503-566-7727**



MARION COUNTY DD SERVICES



Oregon Department of Human Services / Seniors and People with Disabilities contracts with Marion County Health Department as the Community Developmental Disability Program to provide the following services: eligibility, annual planning for those eligible, authorizing services, monitoring services, protective services

for adults, providing information and referral, assisting to access brokerage services, assisting to access crisis services (this is not a complete list of expectations). Following is a link to the DHS website that gives more information: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/dd/county/service_coord2.shtml

Marion County DD Services has a case manager who receives intake calls daily. The phone number to reach the intake worker is **(503) 588-5288**. If you are interested in finding out if your child is eligible for DD services then call this number and ask for the eligibility coordinator.

Swindells

Swindells of Salem offers speaker events, a lending library, resource support, parenting classes, and My Child's Life Care Notebook and Organizer. Find more information at: www.childdisabilityconnection.org

Parent Resource Group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 11:30- 1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join other families for conversation, resource sharing and support.

Sensory Play Group for preschoolers 0-5 meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00.

Game Club for kids with special needs ages 6 to 10 meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Teen Game Club for individuals on the Autism Spectrum ages 11 to 19 years

PARENT ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR ALL GAME CLUB EVENTS

For more information please contact:

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The GEM Children's Foundation works to connect children with special needs and their families to existing services and increase access to resources and information. Through grants and collaborative efforts we will support community organizations serving children with special needs. GEM shares a center with the Swindells Child Disability Resource Center of Salem and Juntos Podemos locate at: 2475 Lancaster Dr. NE Bldg. B Suite 1 Salem, OR 97308. GEM hosts social events for children with special needs. Check out www.gemchildren.org for more information and for more events in our community. GEM provides small grants that non-

profit organizations may apply for. Please see our website
Contact: Jamie Peterson,
Outreach Coordinator
503-585-4292



Oregon State University's IMPACT program now offers Online Registration. IMPACT is a motor skills fitness program for people with special needs held at the Women's Building on the OSU campus in Corvallis for 90 min on Friday evenings during the academic year. A volunteer university student, frequently with career interests in special needs education or physical fitness, is assigned to each child. This very popular program is a great time for your child to work on their motor skills and also a great respite for parents. The waiting list to get into the program can be over 1 year. For more information and registration, visit www.hhs.oregonstate.edu/IMPACT

Learn about Best Buddies - a Willamette University program matching college students with individuals with developmental disabilities to form one-to-one friendships. This year there will be two groups: Best Buddies I for high school age to 20s and Best Buddies II for elementary to middle school age. For more information on the programs visit <http://willamette.edu/org/buddies/index.html> or apply at www.bestbuddiesonline.org. Email Cynthia : cchand@willamette.edu with questions.

