



FAB Newsflash

Assisting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to Pursue a
Quality of Life That is Consistent With Their Preferences and Choices.

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Important Choices Face Oregon Legislature in 2009 Session

There are many things that our State Government does for citizens, and a critical one starts this month. It is the Legislative Session where our representatives and senators make decisions on budgets and policies for our State. It is an opportunity for all citizens to make our voices heard so the legislature reflects what we think is important too!

One of the policy areas to be discussed is related to the abuse of people with developmental disabilities. Legislators such as Rep. Sara Gelser will be addressing this issue. Rep. Gelser spoke to our State DD Coalition in November to share draft legislation, "Protecting Vulnerable Victims Act of 2009". The legislation will go through changes over the next few months. It is important to keep up to date on what happens.

Other work of the session will be to produce a budget. Both the legislature and Governor have to agree on a budget. Right now, the budget situation is very difficult. These are tough economic times. That is true for us as citizens, and our State government. The Governor's budget emphasizes expanding health care coverage, especially to children, and controlling health care costs. The Governor's budget would be hard for many Oregonians who count on services provided by the Department of Human Services. The Governor's recommended budget reduces the total budget for Seniors and People with Disabilities programs by 17 percent. This means 6,500 seniors and individuals with disabilities could lose in-home care; of those, 2,100 could lose access to all long-term care services. *Those losing support are not people enrolled in brokerages.*

This budget will go through many changes during the legislative session. The recommended budget does give us an idea about what might happen. FAB and other agencies will help organize visits to Salem for people to meet with their legislators. It is a great opportunity for people to participate in our Government. We all can influence the decisions they make. After all, they are OUR representatives and senators since we elected them!

Training: The Roots of Person Centered Planning

Workshop by nationally recognized trainers, Jack Pearpoint and John O'Brien

Thursday, January 29th, 2009

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; no cost to participants!

Attend one of the 15 local training sites throughout Oregon being broadcast live from Salem:

Bend and Eugene locations are available

For more information contact: Cynthia.Owens@gmail.com (503) 339-4758

Save the Date: Sprout Film Festival

Thursday, May 14, 2009

LCC - Main Campus

Eugene

Friday, May 15, 2009

Tower Theater

Bend

For more information contact your local FAB office.

Happy Birthday To:

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