



GO! Bulletin

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Hello from the Grassroots Oregon Project. The *GO! Bulletin* is a statewide source of updates on issues, events and activities related to people with developmental disabilities. You are receiving this *GO! Bulletin* as a Member of The Oregon Disability Network, a collaborative effort of the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC FORUM ON DHS/OHA BUDGET PRIORITIES

When: Monday, July 26 from 10:00 A.M. to Noon

**Where: Southwestern Oregon Community College Campus, Empire Hall
1988 Newmark Avenue, Coos Bay**

The Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority will host an important community budget forum to engage community members in a discussion of local needs and priorities as the agencies begin to develop their budgets for the 2011-2013 biennium. The event will be an interactive video conference with agency leaders participating from Salem.

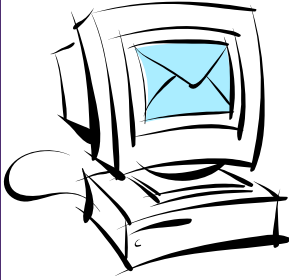
"The feedback we receive through the community forums will help form the budget priorities for DHS and OHA in the coming two years," said Director Bruce Goldberg. "As the rising need for human services continues, we cannot forget that every number on a spreadsheet represents real people. The planning we do today helps us build a strong foundation so that we can move forward no matter what happens."

During the forum, DHS and OHA leaders will review the past two years' highlights. They also will ask for input from participants revolving around key service areas: seniors and people with disabilities; children, adults and families; addictions and mental health; and health.

Participant discussion will center on four questions:

- What services are most beneficial to your community?
- How would you prioritize the 2011-2013 budget?
- What is your top priority for making services better?
- What can communities do to get ready for coming budget shortfalls?

ARE SERVICES IMPORTANT TO YOU? EMAIL DHS/OHA TODAY!



EMAIL: dhs.oha@dhs.state.or.us

Explain why developmental disability supports and services are important to you, your family, your work and your community! Direct supports and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities are necessary and effective!

FACT SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR ADVOCACY EFFORTS!

There is a sense of urgency throughout the state as we work to preserve essential services to children and adults with developmental disabilities! Fact Sheets have been developed to assist in your advocacy efforts as you communicate with state agency leaders and rally support from legislators:

- [Protect DD Services](#)
- [Budget Impact on Children with Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Support Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities](#)

Every **call**, every **email**, every **letter**, every **meeting** with state leaders makes a difference!

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