Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

Date: November 25, 2014

Topic: **Oregon Care Partners: Free Caregiver Training Opportunities**

Provider: [X] APD (Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities)
[ ] DD (Developmental Disabilities)

Attention all adult foster home caregivers:

Check out the information on the following pages to learn about NO COST TRAINING provided by Oregon Care Partners in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Human Services. Don't wait – the training opportunities begin on December 1, 2014.

Did you know?

No segment of our state is untouched by the need for highly qualified caregivers serving older adults and persons with disabilities. The growing aging population in Oregon continues to warrant the need for consistent, standardized, evidence-based caregiver training which is not currently available to all caregiver segments or areas of the state.

In response to this need, Oregon Care Partners, thanks to funding by the State of Oregon and in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Human Services, is excited to provide access to no cost quality training opportunities for caregivers statewide.

Oregon Care Partners is a consortium of lead organizations, facilitators, and collaborators that have a long standing history of working together on training and quality initiatives, and successfully providing caregiver training. Oregon Care Partners offers online and in-person trainings which began in October 2014. Training topics include:

- Geriatric Medication Management and Safety
- Alzheimer's and related dementias
- Challenging behaviors in non-dementia populations
- Alzheimer's and related dementias training for public safety workers
- Alzheimer's Leadership training

One important training topic, Understanding Medicines in Older Adults, recently had a very successful pilot training in Salem. This two-part educational program, taught by experts in the field of pharmacy, offers a practical and understandable review of drug therapy in older adults, including general geriatric medication principles and strategies for applying the principles to an interdisciplinary team. In-person classes for Part 1: General Principles are now available across the state. A current list of in-person classes is below, with more to come in the New Year.

December 1, 2014.....Red Lion Hotel, Bend, Oregon

December 3, 2014.....Days Inn Black Bear, Salem, Oregon
January 14, 2015.....Smullin Health Education Center, Medford, Oregon
January 28, 2015.....Shilo Inn Hotel, Newport, Oregon
February 4, 2015.....Holiday Inn (Troutdale), Gresham, Oregon
February 11, 2015.....Larkspur Landing Hotel, Hillsboro, Oregon
March 11, 2015.....Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Oregon

Registration and location details can be found at www.oregoncarepartners.com or by calling 1-800-930-6851.

To learn more about Oregon Care Partners and other no cost training opportunities, please visit www.oregoncarepartners.com.