

FRIEND to FRIEND

Providence Child Center for Medically Fragile Children

2011-2012

PARENT TRAINING With each year, we appreciate how important it is for any parents involved in the program to participate in the parent training. Three dates have been set when Kelly Schmidt will meet with parents, share with them important information about the Friend to Friend program and guidelines and information about PCMCF, about their role in the program, take them on a tour of the Center, meet the children, answer/clarify any questions they may have. Parents are to attend one of the training dates that would work best for them. All are held at Providence Child Center for Medically Fragile Children, 830 NE 47th Ave.

Parent training dates: Tuesday, **October 4th** 9:00am-11:00am
Thursday, **October 13th** 9:00am-11:00am
Monday, **October 17th** 9:00am-11:00am

Parents who have helped with the Friend to Friend program in the past are still encouraged to attend the training as there may be new information to share with them, and they are a resource for new parents.

If you have any new volunteers who may begin with the Friend to Friend Program later in the year, after the training dates, please let us know and we will work out a plan to orient them.

PLANNING DATES FOR YOUR CLASS Kelly has recommended that we wait until November for our classes to begin coming to Providence. That will give us time to provide orientation in the classroom as well as parent/volunteer training.

A few guidelines for calendaring/scheduling your class:

Mornings -earliest - after 9:30am (be with our friends no sooner than 9:45am)

Afternoons -no later than 1:00pm to be finished by 2:00pm

Plan to be at Providence at least one hour –

15 minutes -meet in Chapel for preparation

30 minutes -be with our Providence friends

15 minutes – meet in Chapel to process our experience

ORIENTATION IN CLASSROOM Call (503-233-8399) or email Dorothy dcoughlin@archdpdx.org to schedule times best for your class. Parents are welcome to attend the classroom preparation for our visits with our friends at Providence.