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FACT Oregon Receives 5 Year OSEP PTI Grant Award

Portland, Oregon: FACT Oregon has worked to empower families experiencing disability to pursue whole lives since 2002 and has been awarded a 5-year grant from the US Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs to continue as Oregon's Parent Training and Information Center. This funding, first awarded to FACT Oregon in 2012, increases access to support, trainings, and information for families across the state as they navigate special education services. Paired with a similar grant from the Oregon Department of Education, and bolstered by support from individual donors, corporations, and foundations, the OSEP grant supports FACT Oregon to realize its commitment to families experiencing disability across Oregon. Roberta Dunn, Executive Director of FACT Oregon, said after receiving the award notice: "We are thrilled to receive this award once again and proud that these funds have already helped us serve more than 14,000 unique families from every county across the state. And there's more work to do."

As families across Oregon navigate school differently this fall, it is more important than ever that they participate fully in the special education process. FACT Oregon's monthly webinar training series, created in 2020 to better respond during COVID-19 to families' continuing need for training, provides information, tips, and tools to help families do just that. FACT Oregon continues to develop and execute training curricula that shares the most up-to-date information available and helps center family and individual self-determination and needs in the special education process. FACT Oregon's Support Line is staffed by parents of youth experiencing disability and provides 1:1 assistance for families seeking specific information and support. The demand for these services is high, and FACT Oregon is grateful for this funding, which helps to shore up the FTE required to respond to families at no cost to them.

FACT Oregon looks forward to assisting families, school districts, and community partners in meaningfully engaging family voice in the special education process for another 5 years.

About FACT Oregon:

FACT Oregon empowers Oregon families experiencing disability in their pursuit of a whole life by expanding awareness, growing community, and equipping families.

Upcoming trainings can be found at www.factoregon.org/events. A library of previously-recorded trainings in English and Spanish lives on our [YouTube](#) channel.

The Support Line can be reached at 503-786-6082 or support@factoregon.org.

Resources on special education, disability services, whole life planning, and youth advocacy are available at www.factoregon.org.

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