

## **LANE COUNTY UNVEILS COMMUNITY-BASED WEB SITE FOR SENIORS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, CAREGIVERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS**

*Network of Care (www.networkofcare.org) empowers seniors, people with disabilities, family members and caregivers by offering easy, internet-based information about the comprehensive services available within Lane County*

Senior & Disabled Services, a division of Lane Council of Governments, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities, will introduce the Network of Care in Lane County. The Network of Care is a multilingual, community-based Web site that provides comprehensive long-term care service information and education that is significant to the thousands of seniors and persons with disabilities who live in our county. An overview of the Network of Care is scheduled for:

April 26, 2006  
10:00 A.M. to Noon  
LCC at Cottage Grove

Sponsored by funding from Oregon State's Senior & People with Disabilities, the Network of Care (www.networkofcare.org) is a data based program for all Oregonians. It empowers individuals and their caregivers, to locate services, educate themselves about their issues, find assistive devices, understand current policy initiatives and advocate directly to elected officials. It can also help people manage their affairs, interactions, and important records. The goal is to allow people to maintain their health and independence for as long as possible.

The Network of Care provides a comprehensive Service Directory of providers in Lane County, putting people in touch with the right services at the right time. Network of Care also provides easy-to-search libraries and vital information about specific disorders, pending legislation and advocacy, as well as, daily news articles from around the world concerning aging and disabilities.

To increase accessibility and accommodate Network of Care's users, the site's innovative technology provides near-universal access to Web-based services through a text-only version of the site and other adaptive technologies. The site is fully ADA-compliant and Bobby-approved. Network of Care also is available in multiple languages.

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