

Announcing: ***The Opal Network****

We are a Lane County network to support the voice, self-determination and empowerment of mental health clients. Join us! All are welcome.

***When: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 30, 2007***

***Where: Tykeson Room
Eugene Public Library Main Building
100 W. 10th Ave., Eugene
(Seating limited to the 1st 56 people, so come early!!)***

We invite all agencies & organizations that work in the mental health field in Lane County to send representatives to this meeting. We especially encourage mental health consumers and psychiatric survivors to attend and join in!

Discuss and plan how we can all unite to support people diagnosed with a psychiatric disability in Lane County to address: • discrimination • human rights • the need for alternatives • advocacy • homelessness • police training • public education • and other concerns. *Free event. Snacks are involved.*
Wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreter if given 72 hours notice.

Meeting co-chairs: Joyce Findley of Lane County Consumer Advisory Council and SAFE/Wonderland and Bjo Ashwill of LILA

Co-sponsoring groups so far include: United Way 100% Access Alternatives Subcommittee, Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA), City of Eugene Subcommittee on Human Rights and Mental Health, Laurel Hill Center Client Council, ShelterCare, MindFreedom Lane County, Lane County Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Advisory Council, LaneCare, OFSN, Life & Universe, White Bird, Trauma Healing Project, SAFE/Wonderland, Center for Family Development, Direction Service and Siuslaw Outreach Services.

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**This new alliance in Lane County is named after Opal Whiteley (1897 - 1992). Opal was a famous author with a psychiatric diagnosis who lived in Lane County.*

