The Opal Network*

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

When: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday, December 29, 2009

Where: Singer Room
Eugene Public Library Main Building
100 W. 10th Ave., Eugene
(Seating limited to the first 26 people, so come early!!)



Activity: Roundtable discussion of OPAL Network's plans for meetings in 2010 and socialize

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

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

Co-sponsoring groups so far include: 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 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.