

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

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

When: 2 pm to 4 pm
Tuesday, 29 May 2007

Where: Bascom-Tykeson Room
Eugene Public Library Main Building
100 W. 10th Ave., Eugene



We invite all agencies & organizations that work in the mental health field in Lane County to send representatives to this launch 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. Wheelchair accessible.*

*Meeting co-chairs: Tracey Dumas of LCMHCSC and Bruce Abel of LaneCare
Special guest: Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson*

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, Life & Universe, White Bird, Trauma Healing Project, SAFE/Wonderland, Center for Family Development.

For more information or to sponsor email to Claire at cseminara@lilaoregon.org or phone 710-4001 and leave a message. web: www.mindfreedom.org

**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.*