



# SOCP Newsletter

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## Naming Our Newsletter

SOCP Management Staff has donated a \$10 coffee certificate to be given away to the winning entry for our newsletter's name. We will review all entries and select the best one. Let's have some fun and submit your entries to Elaine by April 13.



## New/Information Needed

This is your newsletter so please send articles, kudos, house information, etc... that you would like to share with SOCP, to:

[Elaine.m.stauffer@state.or.us](mailto:Elaine.m.stauffer@state.or.us)

Or drop them off at my desk.

## Kudos!

**Barbara Cochran** deserves a hand!!! She has been working on our new VISA database. This database has all SOCP purchases. We can now see at a glance what each house is spending on cleaning supplies, house maintenance, food etc... She has done a fantastic job. THANK YOU, Barbara!



**Madison and Gath Homes** have had a number of client and staff changes. Management and employees in these homes have done a wonderful job with the adjustments. They all deserve a big hand for working together to make this change possible.

## Guess Who's Retiring?

On March 31, Marie Howard is retiring after 30 years with the State (at least that's what she keeps telling us about 40 times a day). Come celebrate: March 27 from 1- 4 p.m., Maxwell Jones Conference Room. If you would like to donate toward the cost of the party, Deanna Ziemer/Terri Green would be happy to accept your contribution.



## Maintenance

**Backflow tests:** Tim Mcloud is licensed to perform backflow testing for our homes. Please make sure you contact him directly to complete these tests.

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## Management

**Anne Augsburger** has accepted the QA/Training Manager position. Our congratulations go out to her.

**Chip Brown** has accepted a job rotation with SPD Licensing. She will be downtown at her new office thru July 31, returning to SOCP on August 1. Congratulations.

## Vocational

**Gordon Lorsung** has accepted the lead worker position over Stepping Stone, the Bittern janitorial crew and Sip n' Safari until the agency hires a new Vocational/Day Services Manager. Give him a call at Stepping Stone to congratulate him.

**New Stepping Stone phone numbers:**  
Stepping Stone Center: 503-378-3170  
Gordon Lorsung: 503-378-2594  
Chris Edwards: 503-378-2534

## ID Cards

If you do not have an ID card please let your manager know. Or, when you attend trainings let the trainer know and the administration support staff will get one made for you.

## Vehicles/Travel

**Reminder:** We all need to do our part and make sure that when we are traveling to use state vehicles. If you do have permission to use your own vehicle you must first fill out the DAS form **"REQUEST TO USE MY PERSONAL VEHICLE ON STATE BUSINESS"** and you must have your manager's signature.

## Clinical Services

**What is a 427?** A "427" is a process of petitioning the court under Chapter 427 for persons with mental retardation of the Oregon Revised Statute, for a civil commitment. This civil commitment means an individual will be civilly committed to DHS for one year. This allows SOCP to have legal authority to serve an individual who may not want services from SOCP but who needs our level of support. It would give the local authorities the mechanism to return individuals to an SOCP home should they attempt to leave. We are in the process of petitioning the court for civil commitment on several individuals currently being served by SOCP. The reason for petitioning can be different for each individual. Before we can petition, however, we need to have proof of the individual's mental retardation, which is established by conducting a psychological evaluation to determine the level of retardation and/or developmental disability. As staff, it is important to be supportive of an individual going through this process, as it can be scary and stressful.



## Safety Update 2007 Earthquake Drill

By law, SOCP is required to conduct an earthquake "Drop, Cover, and Hold" drill every spring. The Safety Office will be sending out additional information the week of March 19.

## Training

### Pain Management Training Attention

**RN's:** If you have not registered to attend the Pain Management Training please don't forget! There is a class on April 9 in Portland at PCC and on April 24 in Eugene, sponsored by MED2000. If you would like to register for either of these, please check with your manager and register through Barbara Cochran 503-945-9424.

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**ISP Revisions Training:** Regional one-day presentation, BV1's, 2's, Shift Charges, Site Managers, and Program Managers must attend. You may invite Case Manager/Service Coordinator. Parking is limited; yellow lot \$6 per day.

**Tuesday, April 10**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Employment Department Auditorium,  
875 Union St. Salem**

Anne will be sending out more information.

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**DHS online registration** system is down and will be replaced March 20 with the new Learning Center registration. We are in the process of learning how to become "end user coaches" so that we will be able to help you with the transition from the current system to the new "Learning Center." If you need to enroll an employee into SOCP training before March 20, e-mail Anne Augsburger with a list and she will contact the trainer and get back to you.

