

Parents with no boundaries

Dear Annie: I have great neighbors who have two daughters, ages 15 and 16. The 16-year-old has a 20-year-old boyfriend, and the 15-year-old has a live-in boyfriend who is also 15. The fact that he lives there is OK with his parents and hers.

I have walked by the room of the older girl more than once and seen her lying in bed with her boyfriend, under the covers, with the door half open. When this happens, I walk by and say hello, but I am uncomfortable as I do so. Her mother knows what they are doing.

The younger girl sleeps with her boyfriend, and the mother is aware of that and says, "It is what it is." The girl and her boyfriend are both failing in school, and their mothers are aware of this but have not taken any steps to put them on the right path. During the day, the two are left alone while the parents work. Meanwhile, the 16-year-old is doing terrific in school. The daughters both work — in fast food and retail.

I have no children, but I would think this is wrong and is going to ruin their lives down the road. Their father goes along because, if he objects, the mother always takes the kids' side.

Both parents do not want drama, and giving in to the kids makes for no drama. I am just waiting to hear which one of them is going to get pregnant; the mother probably would be fine with that, but I do not think the father would be.

My wife and I are considered family and included at their family gatherings. Their relatives know what is going and defend it. They say that the girls are kids and nothing will happen. I reply, "If you think so," and they answer that I am old-fashioned. Am I? — *Am I Old-Fashioned?*

Dear Am I Old-Fashioned?: Having boundaries is essential for teenagers to develop maturity. These parents and relatives are acting like kids themselves. By any reasonable understanding, you are not old-fashioned. Your views reflect good

parenting and common sense.

Dear Annie: This is about the letter from "Happy Nurse." I'd like to share my story, which involved going back to school.

I initially went for my nursing degree when I was a 36-year-old single mother of three daughters, having escaped an abusive relationship. I received my degree but then, three years later, lost it to addiction.

I believe this was due to an unresolved sexual assault at the age of 7 and subsequent trauma. I wallowed in addiction (and self-pity, frankly) for a few years before getting clean in 2017.

I am four years sober and have spent the last four years taking random drug tests, doing two years of DBT (dialectical behavior therapy) and one year of EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing) trauma work. I will be 50 years old in September, and I have just finished my RN Refresher Course and been given my permit to practice as an RN in clinical settings!

After clinicals, I will spend the first two years in a nursing position on a modified license — taking random drug tests and reporting to the Minnesota Health Professionals Services Program. I may be 52 when they fully restore my RN license, but to know that I have healed myself and restored my mental health is the greatest gift. I would challenge anyone to see that it is NOT too late to realize your dream.

For me, getting to be a registered nurse again is a testament to the work I have put in, not only into myself, but into the process of restoration and realization of my dream. Please tell your readers to not give up on themselves, their dreams or their future! — *Nurse*

Dear Nurse: We can feel the excitement in your letter. Your pride in this major accomplishment, the first and second time around, is well deserved. Congratulations!

DEAR ANNIE



ANNIE LANE
Creators
Syndicate Inc.

OREGON CAPITAL INSIDER
Get the inside scoop on state government and politics!

We're investing in Salem coverage when other news organizations are cutting back.

Clatsop Community College

WE'RE READY FOR YOU!

On-Campus, Online, & Hybrid Classes Available

Fall Registration is Open, Scholarships Available

Visit the Welcome Center
Call (503) 338-2411
Email admissions@clatsopcc.edu

Clatsop Community College is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. ADA accessible. For the complete Non-Discrimination and Accommodations statements, please visit <https://www.clatsopcc.edu/ada>.

Clatsop Community College es una institución de igualdad de oportunidades y de discriminación positiva. Para las declaraciones completas de No-discriminación y de Ayuda a las personas discapacitadas, por favor visite <https://www.clatsopcc.edu/ada>.

Losing Your HEARING? or are your ears just plugged with Earwax?

FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!

You are invited for a **FREE** ear inspection using the latest video technology to determine if you could be helped by a hearing aid!

Call for an appointment now to avoid waiting!

It's All FREE!

Now through 5/21/21

Receiver-In-The-Canal Advantages

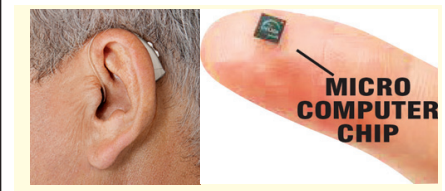
GENIUS™ AVAILABLE

- Versatile
- Utilizes the most advanced technology
- Uses the ear's natural ability to locate sounds
- Rechargeable options
- Most models compatible with wireless Blue tooth® Technology

Some **FEDERAL WORKERS** and **RETIREES** may be eligible for Hearing Aids at **NO COST** That's Right... **No Co-Pay! No Exam Fee! No Adjustment Fee!** Most Insurance Plans are accepted including **BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD**!**

IN-THE-CANAL ADVANTAGES

- Individualized
- Sizes to meet your lifestyle
- Uses the ear's natural ability to locate sounds
- Comfortable to wear
- Most models compatible with wireless Blue tooth® Technology



Open Fit/Receiver-In-The-Canal

Advanced, powerful technology allows even more options to wear this more natural sounding and comfortable hearing aid.

Open Fit hearing aids fit securely behind the ear and have a thin tube that directs the sound into your ear canal. The RIC (Receiver-In-The-Canal) provides more targeted sound with a speaker added to the end of the clear, thin tube.

- More RIC Advantages:**
- Smaller than ever
 - More natural sounding
 - Discreet and comfortable
 - Best-in-performance features that reduce or eliminate feedback and whistling
 - The most versatile model - able to fit most levels of hearing loss Most models are compatible with wireless Bluetooth® Technology

FREE Video Otoscope Ear Inspection*

This show-all Picture of your ear canal is displayed on a color monitor, so you'll see exactly what we see to determine if you could be helped by a hearing aid.

FREE Complete Electronic Hearing Test*

This Audiometric evaluation will precisely show you what you've been missing and if you can be helped by a hearing aid.

FREE Package of Hearing Aid Batteries

If you now wear a hearing aid, you will receive one FREE package of Hearing Aid Batteries. If we test your hearing to see if you could be helped by a hearing aid you will receive another FREE Package.

FREE In-Office Repairs

All in-office hearing aid repairs shall be FREE... and factory repairs, regardless of make or model shall be 50% OFF the total cost of the repair.



LIMITED TIME OFFER!

OPEN FIT TECHNOLOGY

\$995⁰⁰

MSRP \$3090 SAVE \$2095

Offer valid on Model ME2275

100% Digital & 100% Programmable

Valid at participating Miracle-Ear® Hearing Aid Centers.

Limit one hearing aid per customer at the promotional price.

May not be combined with other offer and does not apply to prior sales. Cash value 1/20th cent. Offer expires 5/21/21

ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO SAVE!

Save on our advanced line of digital hearing aids.

BUY 1 GET 1 50% OFF

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price

All ME-1, ME-2 and ME-3 Solutions Hearing Aids

Good only from participating Miracle-Ear® Hearing Aid Centers. One coupon per purchase. No other offers or discounts apply. Discount does not apply to prior sales. Offer valid on ME-1, ME-2, ME-3 hearing aids. Cannot combine with any other offers. Cash value 1/20th cent. Offer expires 5/21/21

AT THESE PARTICIPATING MIRACLE-EAR HEARING AID CENTERS ONLY!

CALL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT!

Now through 5/21/21 Use Code: 21MayLosing

Miracle-Ear®

Miracle-Ear Center
173 S. Hwy 101
Warrenton, OR 97146
(503) 836-7921

Miracle-Ear Center
2505 Main Ave N, Suite C
Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 836-7926

*Hearing test is always free. Hearing aids do not restore natural hearing. Individual experiences vary depending on severity of hearing loss, accuracy of evaluation and ability to adapt to amplification. Hearing test is an audiometric test to determine amplification needs only. These are not medical exams or diagnoses. If you suspect a problem please seek treatment from your physician. **Blue Cross Blue Shield, The Blue Cross, The Blue Shield, BCBS and Federal Employee Program are registered trademarks of Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and its independent licensees are not affiliated with, nor do they endorse or sponsor the contents of this advertisement. Trademarks referring to specific providers are used by Miracle-Ear for nominative purposes only: to truthfully identify the source of the services about which information is provided. Such trademarks are solely the property of their respective owners. The aids must be returned within 30 days of delivery if not completely satisfied and 100% of the purchase will be refunded.