

Family Living

The Portland Observer

PSU Professor Emeritus Heads National Child Care Study

Arthur Emlen, emeritus professor of social work at Portland State University, continues to cement his position as a nationally recognized expert on child care.

Emlen, who has studied child care issues for more than 30 years, heads a Child Care Research Partnership recently appointed by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to study the interrelationships of child care, welfare and work. The Partnership is part of a national consortium, along with the Trustees of Columbia University in New York and Florida Children's Forum in Tallahassee.

The Oregon Study will collect information from parents, child care providers, and existing studies about the affordability, accessibility and

quality of child care in Oregon.

"We will look at Oregon's child care needs and services with a special focus on comparing welfare and non-welfare families," says Emlen. "Federal statistics cannot produce this kind of local information, so we expect our findings will prove valuable to policy-makers creating programs to help parents move off welfare and into jobs."

Assessing the child-care needs of families both on and off welfare is an important test of whether the state can meet the goals of new welfare-to-work programs, he says.

Emlen and his seven-member team also will study ways of measuring and improving the quality of child care. "In particular, we're going to

look at how parents perceive the care they are able to find," says Emlen.

The Regional Research Institute for Human Services at Portland State University will lead the Oregon Child Care Research Partnership. Other Oregon partners include Linn-Benton Community College, the Child Care Division of the Oregon State Employment Department, and the Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network, and the Childhood Care and Education Data Project.

Each of the national partnerships received \$100,000 grants to study critical child care issues including:

- Child care demand, supply, and outcomes for low-income families, particularly those moving from welfare to work and those who are currently employed but are at risk of needing welfare services;

• Child care opportunities and constraints which affect the lives of low-income families and children;

- Systemic issues which affect the delivery of subsidized child care services to welfare clients and low-income working families; and
- Developing effective child care policies and program.

Earlier this month both houses of the U.S. Congress approved legislation that ends federal entitlement to welfare programs. Lawmakers are expected to approve a final bill that cuts off federal assistance to welfare recipients within a certain time period.

For more information, contact Emlen at 503/725-4178.

Holiday Book Browse Helps Prevent Child Abuse

The chance to tour a grand old Portland mansion, meet some celebrated authors, and browse among hundreds of books from Powell's Bookstore awaits visitors to Portland's Fourth Annual Holiday Book Browse. The event takes place on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the historic Autzen Estate at 2425 N.E. Alameda in Port-

land. Tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. All admission donations and a portion of book sales benefit the Parenting Skills Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Celebrity authors will be attending throughout the day and will provide personal inscriptions in their books. They include Phil

Margolin, Robin Cody, Floyd Skloot, Virginia Euwer Wolff, John Strawn, Ray Nelson, Jr., Doug Kelly, Susan Fletcher, Jane Glazer, Naomi Miller Stokes and Caprial Pence. Also attending will be Steve Johnson, owner of the Autzen Estate and 1986 most-valuable-player for the Portland Trail Blazers.

The parenting Skills Center

(PSC) is a private not-for-profit early intervention child abuse prevention program. Its goal is to help families stay together by teaching parents to be loving, nurturing, and supportive. PSC recruit, trains, and supervises volunteers to work directly with families referred to them by other social service organizations as being under stress and at high risk of child abuse.

Winnie-The-Pooh Kicks Off Powell's Books' November Donations To Portland Public Schools

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Jack Bierwirth and Winnie-the-Pooh joined Michael Powell, president of Powell's Books, to announce the start of the second annual "It's For Kids" program. During the month of November, Powell's Books donates 10 percent of the purchase price of all books and merchandise bought at any Powell's location to Portland Public Schools libraries.

The donation to Portland Public Schools will be made on one condition: at the customer's request. Customers must tell cashiers at the time of purchase that they would like Powell's donate 10 percent of their purchase price, and will be encour-

aged to use the phrase, "It's for kids." Both The Oregonian and Willamette Week have donated advertising space to help, convey this message.

"Reading cannot be overestimated as a powerful learning tool," said Superintendent Bierwirth. "The 'It's For Kids' program helps put great books into the hands of our students despite budget crunches."

Last year, 10 percent of Powell's customers in November chose to participate in the book drive, resulting in a donation of \$22,000 from Powell's. Funds were given directly to Portland Public School libraries to purchase books for libraries from

kindergarten through high school. "We hope the people of Portland will continue to help this program succeed," shared Michael Powell. "We are pushing for more participation through increased awareness. It is about more than books, it is about recognizing and assisting the potential of children."

Winnie-the-Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, Tigger and Christopher Robin, were on hand at Powell's City of Books to perform for a class of second grade students from Sabin Elementary School in Northeast Portland. Jack Bierwirth joined in the fun to introduce the play as the narrator. Giving life to the A.A. Milnes clas-

sics, The Adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh is one of the Northwest Childrens Theater's most popular productions and can be seen at the Main Street Playhouse through December.

There are a total of seven Powell's Books stores, all in the Portland area: Powell's City of Books, 228-4651; Powell's Books at Cascade Plaza & Powell's Books for Kids, 643-3141; Powell's Books Technical Bookstore, 228-3906; Powell's Books for Cooks, 235-3802; Powell's Books on Hawthorne, 238-1668; Powell's Travel Store, 228-1108; Powell's Books at Portland International Airport, 249-1950.

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During November, adoptive families and advocates across the United States celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month, and work to educate the public about the 50,000 children in our nation who currently await adoptive families.

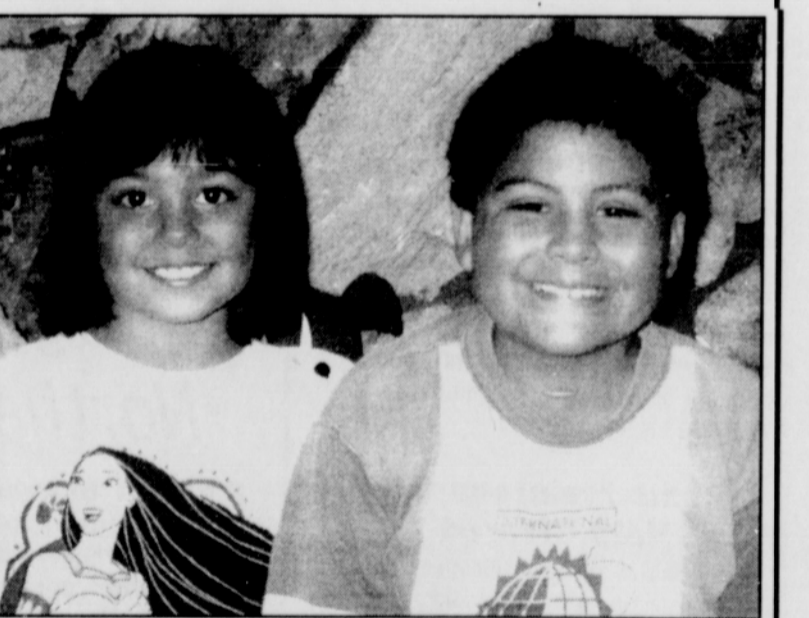


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A Coalition of Oregon agencies waive or reduce fees for adoption of children in state care. Orientation meetings and pre-adoption classes are available statewide. Single adults as well as couples are encouraged to inquire. To learn more, please call The Special Needs Adoption Coalition at The Boys and Girls Aid Society, (503) 222-9661.

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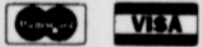
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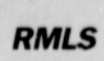
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