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Medina to adopt her so at least she could stay in contact.

"The state was not thrilled," Medina said. "They said her parental rights were terminated and the mother had no right to see the child. I was coming from a perspective that said 'Show me the paper where the child's rights are terminated.' This particular child needed to have ...contact with her mother to begin healing.

"I could totally see her at 14 years old and pregnant, and I knew a big part of preventing that was for that little girl to have contact with her mother."

Medina did adopt that child who has now grown up and is doing well. But her daughter's cousins, who also were placed in foster care, had a different outcome.

"They had more mothers than I can count," she says.

The girls were permanently removed and had no contact with their biological family. Down the line, substance abuse and other problems led to their children also being removed. Now Medina is fostering a two-year-old boy, born to her daughter's cousin. His mom, grandma and aunts care, even though they can't parent him at this time, she says. And he should have the right to maintain those relationships.

"He needs to know his mom is happy and successful," she says. "If not, see whose car he's breaking into when he's 17 and he's an angry young man who didn't get his needs met."

Helping Birth Parents Succeed

Judge Waller said she has been adjudicating child welfare



Judge Waller

cases for long enough to have seen how the system fails children.

"There are families that I am on my third generation, and that makes me ill," she said. "People need a sense of attachment. Even if we can't get them home, everyone needs somebody and it is that power of attachment that will break the cycle.

"For most children, if we can safely keep them at home with the right supports in place, it's far better for the child," she said.

Waller says that in the past, parents were handed a list of tasks to complete in order to have a chance of getting their children back.

Typically, a parent might be told they must get a job, have housing with enough space for the children, complete substance abuse treatment and so on. Yet parents were not given help to get into adequate housing, or treatment programs – let alone get and keep a job while they were doing so.

"It's a Catch 22," she said. "We need individual plans, and

we need to empower the people who come before us.

"These are people who have faced tremendous trauma and there are barriers we don't see with our eyes."

Marvin Barber, a conference attendee, lost a child in the foster care system several years ago. When his daughter was placed in foster care, he says he immediately cleaned up and dealt with his problems. But his effort went unrecognized in a system that often sidelines fathers.

Barber says he has kept all the court records, so that one day, if his daughter finds him, he can show her he tried his best to keep her. He worries every day that she is being abused or hurt, he says.

"I wish all judges were like Judge Nan (Waller)," he says. "I know if I'd had a judge like that I would have been able to keep my daughter. She's really supportive of families and of keeping the family together."

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www.theskanner.com



NUTRITION EDUCATION COORDINATOR – OFB WEST

Outstanding non-profit seeks individual to develop and manage a volunteer staffed nutrition education program to low income community members. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred. Complete posting, job description and application available at www.oregon-foodbank.org. Deadline 11/21/11. EOE.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council November 1, 2011

Metropolitan Transportation Plan for Clark County: Draft Update Issued for Public Comment. Open House and Public Meeting Scheduled.

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has issued a draft of the 2011 update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for Clark County for public comment. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is the long-range transportation plan for the Clark County region.

An Open House on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with a Public Meeting immediately following beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Vancouver Community Library's Columbia Room, 901 C Street, Vancouver, Washington. Public participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Copies of the draft MTP are available for review at RTC's office at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St, 4th Floor, Vancouver, Washington, or can be viewed at RTC's web site at www.rtc.wa.gov.

Written comments on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan should be sent to the attention of Lynda David, RTC, PO Box 1366, Vancouver, WA 98666-1366 or e-mailed to info@rtc.wa.gov.

The formal public comment and review period that began with release of the draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan will continue through December 1, 2011. Comments received during this period will be provided at the December 6, 2011, RTC Board of Directors meeting when the Plan will be considered for adoption.

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NURSE MANAGER

The Oregon Youth Authority is recruiting for a Nurse Manager position in Salem, Oregon. Monthly salary is \$6,249.00 - \$8,774.00 plus state benefits. For the specific qualifications and the application process visit www.oregon.gov/OYA, Employment & Volunteering. EOE

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) announces the release of its Fall 2011 Affordable Rental Housing Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). In keeping with PHB's mission, the funds will be used to preserve, rehabilitate and/or develop housing that helps "solve the unmet housing needs of the people of Portland." Investment priorities are for rental housing affordable to households with incomes no greater than 60% of Area Median Family Income (MFI). While all housing units funded through the NOFA must serve households at or below 60% median income, those projects that propose additional units serving households at or below 30% MFI, while still maintaining financial feasibility initially and over time, are preferred. The NOFA documents, including the amounts of funding available, are posted on PHB's website at <http://www.portlandonline.com/PHB/RFP>

A mandatory information session will be held at Portland Housing Bureau offices November 16, 2011 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Steel Conference Room. All entities wishing to be considered through the NOFA must attend. For more information, contact: Karl Dinkelspiel at (503) 823-1354 or email karl.dinkelspiel@portlandoregon.gov.

Proposals are due in hard copy format to PHB by 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2011.

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Centennial School District is recruiting for Accounting Supervisor:

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