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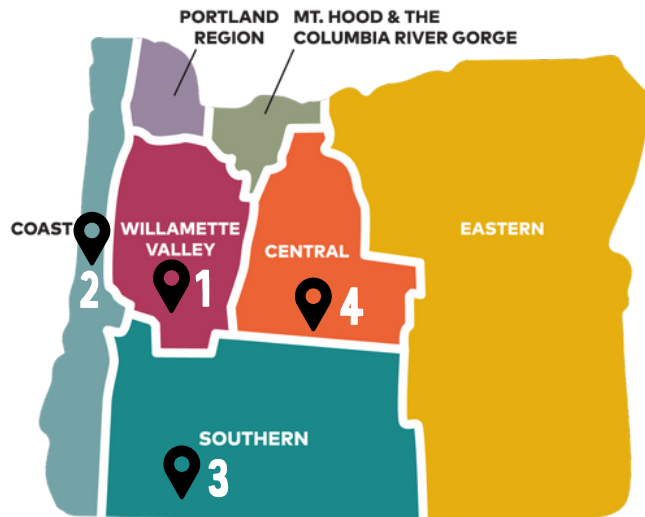
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### Oregon Communities Connected by the CommCard Program



## Testimonials

*"The transportation security  
personnel  
handled me much more  
gently when I  
showed them my CommCard."*

**- Erika, cardholder with autism**

*"Our children need tools to  
navigate the community,  
and the CommCard is  
one of those tools."*

**- Julie, parent**

*"The CommCard is a tool to help  
us learn how a person can  
communicate effectively.  
It can calm a person down."*

**- Officer Trevor Anderson,  
Corvallis Police Department**

*"Some people have  
hidden disabilities.  
The CommCard  
can help us identify  
a need for accommodations."*


**- Elma, parent and public  
transportation driver**



# The CommCard Program®

Training in communication  
and  
accommodations  
for people with developmental  
disabilities, their advocates,  
and  
the helping professionals  
who serve them

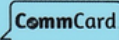
## Sample front of the CommCard

 I live with **Developmental Disability**

Name: John Doe      DOB: 9/10/1989

1234 NW Generic Street, City, OR, 12345

If having difficulty, please contact my advocate(s):  
1st Advocate 123 -456-7890  
2nd Advocate 123 -456-0789



## Sample back of the CommCard

Because of my condition, I may ...

Be slow to respond  
Behavior 2  
Behavior 3

I want to cooperate. To help me, PLEASE ...

Speak slowly  
Helpful Action 2  
Helpful Action 3

Stress-reducing topics ...

Topic 1 & Topic 2



**Cody practices presenting his CommCard to Corvallis Police at a training session**

## Who

**People with developmental disabilities, for example:**

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Down syndrome
- Cerebral Palsy
- **many other conditions**

**Advocates**

- Parents, family members
- Guardians, support staff

**Helping professionals**

- Law enforcement
- Healthcare workers
- Teachers, bus drivers, **and more.**

## What

**Training - 2 sessions**

- First session: Introduction
- Second session: Practice

**CommCard**

- We will help to fill it out
- You will receive card at practice session

## Why

**Safer encounters** with law enforcement officers

**Better outcomes** with healthcare, education, travel, and more.



## FAQS

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. How much does it cost to take the training and get a CommCard?**

**A. There is no cost to participants.**

**Q. The person I know has 24/7 support. How would the CommCard benefit them?**

**A. The CommCard can help someone speak on their own behalf, rather than have a support person speak for them.**

**Q. How is a person supposed to carry the CommCard ?**

**A. However works best for the cardholder. Some keep it next to their identification card in their wallet, others keep it in a lanyard they wear, or in phone wallet on their cell phone.**