

## ***Foster Youth Resources and Services***

### **Presenter: Rosemary Iavenditti, Independent Living Program Coordinator, DHS**

Learn about the services available to foster youth through DHS and the Independent Living Program (ILP). The foster youth you work with may be eligible for housing subsidies, funds for miscellaneous expenses (application fees, college tours, computers for school, start-up kits for the dorms, etc.), medical coverage to age 26, and other supports from your local ILP Provider. The question and answer session, along with handouts, will allow you to walk away from this workshop with in-depth knowledge of the ILP services and how to help foster youth access supports.

### **Rosemary Iavenditti, ILP Coordinator, Department of Human Services**

Rosemary has worked for the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare for 24 years. Rosemary was selected as the Independent Living Program Coordinator in April 2001. Rosemary is a member of the National Independent Living Association (NELA), the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Technical Work Group, and a supportive adult for the Oregon Foster Youth Connection (OFYC). Rosemary has conducted transition planning training across Oregon and at national ILP conferences. She has expertise in Independent Living Program policy, federal regulations, and providing independent living services to youth in the child welfare system.