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Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California, Inc.

Online Newsletter

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Job Openings at RFENC.

Have a passion for people with diverse abilities? Are you a parent of a child/student with diverse abilities that speaks Spanish? We have job openings for both a Spanish Bi-lingual Parent Liaison and In-Home Respite Care Providers. Go to our website for more info and click on "Job Opportunities". Help us spread the news!

Free RABA Tickets at the Redding RFENC Office!

RFENC received \$100 worth of bus tickets provided the generosity of Shasta Regional Medical Center! If you have a need for bus tickets or know someone who does please have them stop by or call to get a free ride!

In the Spectrum Meeting - March 3.

If you are the parent, relative, or guardian of a child with autism spectrum disorders living in Yuba County and are interested in participating in an information & support group, then this meeting is for you. It will be held 6:30pm – 8pm at Family SOUP, 1650 Sierra Avenue, Suite 106 in Yuba City. To register or for more info, please call Mary Pickering, LCSW at 751-1925 x107.

Transition Faire in Butte County - March 3 & 24.

Butte County SELPA is supporting a Transition Faire for students with disabilities to help facilitate improved transition from school to the adult world. [See the flyer](#) (in Word format) on their website for more details. The earlier date will take place in Chico, the latter in Oroville. For questions contact Esther Downs at 532-5875 or edowns@bcoe.org.

Remember to Return the Books.

Have you borrowed books or videos from RFENC's resource library? Please remember to return them in a reasonable amount of time so that other parents have the opportunity to enjoy and learn from them. We don't enforce due dates, but we know many of our materials are checked out and lots of them never make it back to our shelves. Won't you help us by returning any materials you've borrowed? We appreciate it!



Free Shriner's Screening - March 6.

Nor-Cal Shriner's Club will host a free screening clinic for children birth to 18 years of age to determine their eligibility for treatment at the Shriner's Hospital. The clinic will assess a variety of orthopedic and other ailments including scoliosis, dislocated hips, club feet, cerebral palsy, and much more. The clinic is scheduled from 9am to 1pm at the Shasta Community Health Center, 1035 Placer St. in Redding. For more info call Tom Hester at (530) 356-9343 or [send him an E-mail](#).

Preparing Wills for Children with Special Needs - March 9.

From 6:30 - 8pm Phyllis J. Raudman, Attorney will present this training for parents of children with developmental disabilities at the Shasta County Office of Education located at 1644 Magnolia Avenue in Redding. Refreshments will be served and child care is available. Please call (530) 225-0100 to RSVP.

Respite Training in Butte - March 11 & 12.

Rowell Family Empowerment is providing a training for people who would like to become respite care providers. If you're interested RSVP with Greg of our Chico office at 899-8801 and get more info.

American Sign Language Class - March 18.

To be concise, this class will *begin* March 18 and will go through to May 6. It will take place at RFENC's Redding office on Maraglia Street and will be taught by Stacy Gainok of NorCal Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Enrollment is limited to 25 seats and you must commit to attending all 8 sessions. RSVP to [Stacy Gainok via email](#) and to get more info.

Sign Stage on Tour - March 25.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" will be performed at the Red Bluff State Theatre at 7:30pm. General admission: \$8; 7-12: \$5; age 6 and under free. For information call 529-2787 or visit [StateTheatreRedBluff.com](#). Dramatized by Sign Stage On Tour this extraordinary event brings deaf and hearing audiences together. "You'll see things you've never heard!"



Motorcycle Swap Meet & SLATE Fundraiser - March 27.

For the second year in a row the Ramblers Motorcycle Group has chosen Rowell Family Empowerment's SLATE program as the beneficiary of their fund raising! It will take place in Palo Cedro right off Deschutes Road from 9am - 3pm. Though this will be a motorcycle swap meet, SLATE will have a booth there and we will feature some children's activities. Profits from the event will go directly to help children with autism. Please plan to attend and show your support!

Join the National Walk for Epilepsy - March 27.

It will happen on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. as thousands of others join to raise awareness and funds for research, treatment and educational programs for people with epilepsy and their caregivers. Come join the Walk, too. Be inspired and you'll recognize - You Don't Walk Alone. [Go here for more info.](#)

Butte County CAC Awards Nomination.

Each year the Butte County SELPA Community Advisory Committee hosts an awards ceremony to show our recognition of, and appreciation for individuals who have shown excellence or made contributions to special education. We rely on community members, staff, parents, students and CAC members to identify those individuals who deserve recognition. This Year the CAC awards focus on honoring the hard work, spirit and achievement of students. The deadline for [submission of nominations](#) is April 15, 2010.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Workshop - April 2.

Put on by Far Northern Regional Center, consider this a request to save the date, and to be at the Red Bluff Community Center from 8:30am - 12 noon. The keynote speaker will be Theresa McGrath of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Foundation of California. There will also be a special panel of local experts for a question & answer session. Title 17 CEU's offered. Look for a registration form mid-February from Far Northern. If you have any questions contact Kay Cullis at 222-8795 x3386.

The BIG RACE 2010 - April 17.

Get ready... Get set... GO! Plan to have your youngster, ages 2-5, be in the Big Race this year. It's lots of fun and children with disabilities are encouraged. Each year this is a huge event during the Week of the Young Child and Rowell Family Empowerment is playing a major part in it. To get a better idea of what the Big Race consists of see the video of [last year's race on YouTube](#). Be sure to [register your child](#) for this event.



Champion of the Year Nominations.

The Sixth Annual Circle of Champions Award Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Elk's Club in Red Bluff. The luncheon will honor members of the Tehama County community who have made a positive impact on the lives of people with Developmental Disabilities. If you know of someone who deserves to be honored by their peers and by the community, please nominate them for this award. The deadline for nominations is April 2, 2010. Nomination forms are available from Laurie Schlottman at Puckett Residential Services, Inc. (528-2130) or Judy Ferrell at North Valley Services (529-2100).



NAMI Walks - April 24.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness will be holding their First Annual Butte County Walk beginning at 10am, with registration at 9am, at the Downtown Plaza in Chico. Come help raise money to offer free education, support, and advocacy for people who have a mental illness and their families. For more info contact Tammy Wichman at (530) 345-4514 or L.TammyWichman@hotmail.com.

Camp Grizzly - Aug 1.

Deaf, hard of hearing, or KODA youth between ages 7 and 14 will have a wonderful time and every camper will be challenged to achieve. Applications and more info can be had at [NorCal's website](#).

Don't Forget About RFENC's Event Calendar.

Find dates and times of our recurring training and support groups by going to our Online Calendar, available on [RFENC's website](#). We routinely offer training on topics such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Medical Information Binder, and IEP Preparation, to name a few. There is a special IEP Preparation Training for parents of children birth-5! And we offer several ongoing support groups. Need info about what exactly the training entails? See the Workshops page on our website.

Make a Donation!

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RFENC is able to provide services to children with disabilities and their families because of State & Federal grants and private donations from people just like yourself. Won't you help us? You can make a donation with your credit card securely through PayPal (via our website) or make checks payable to *RFENC, 962 Maraglia Street, Redding, CA 96002*