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ALBERTINA KERR LAUNCHES SECOND PROJECT ECHO IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore. (March 22, 2016) – Albertina Kerr is taking the next step in offering accessible medical care by launching Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes). Project ECHO is a tele-mentoring model using video conferencing technology to provide primary care physicians access to mentorship from specialists, allowing them to advance their expertise and provide enhanced care to patients. All levels of medical professionals in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties will have the opportunity to take part in this no-cost program.

Originally established at the University of New Mexico, the ECHO model has expanded across 48 states and 11 countries, Albertina Kerr's being the second in the state of Oregon. Albertina Kerr's teleECHO™ clinics occur twice each month and last one hour. While the program's main focus is on pediatric developmental and behavioral concerns, each session will offer various topics to review. Clinics allow professionals to expand their level of expertise to work more effectively with patients who have developmental delays and disabilities.

“The goal of teleECHO clinics is to move knowledge, not patients. As a result, patients with complex conditions can be treated close to home, without having to wait for appointments or referrals,” said Karen Ward, Executive Director of Albertina Kerr's Children's Developmental Health Services.

To learn more about Project ECHO, view the topic schedule or to register for Albertina Kerr's teleECHO clinics visit <http://albertinakerr.org/ChildrensDevelopmentalHealth/ProjectECHO> or contact Dana Gantz at 503-802-5257 or danag@albertinakerr.org.

About Albertina Kerr

Since 1907, Albertina Kerr has strengthened Oregon families and communities. Today, we provide programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, empowering them to live richer lives. Albertina Kerr's capital campaign, Kerr Community Promise, helps raise awareness and funds to support children's mental health.

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