

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All OGC Families, Staff and Volunteers  
**From:** Kyle Hauth, Executive Director  
**Subject:** OGC Update  
**Date:** August 25, 2008

Please be reminded that it is not too late to acquire an economic stimulus payment from the federal government. Anyone who earned at least \$3,000 in 2007 in earned income or unearned income, such as Social Security or veterans disability, is eligible for the stimulus package and you have until October 15th to file for your payment and still receive the money this year. We have been filing for eligible people we serve as representative payee. However, if you serve as a representative payee, you will need to file the appropriate form for the person you represent. It is actually a pretty painless process and certainly worth your time and energy. If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please mark your calendar for the October 28th parent meeting (7:00 p.m.). We will meet in the Habilitation Center Training Room where we usually meet. I will provide additional reminders of this meeting before October 28th, but please mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

I just recently learned of an excellent free cell phone service in Tennessee that I believe many people that we serve could benefit from. Lifeline Assistance is part of a program that was created by the government to provide discounted or free telephone service to income-eligible consumers. A company by the name of SafeLink Wireless is offering this Lifeline Service. Through this agency, people in Tennessee may receive free cellular service, a free cell phone, and 68 minutes free every month. SafeLink Wireless Service does not cost anything – there are no contracts, no recurring fees and no monthly charges. The only individuals who can qualify for the service are those who participate in one or more of the following programs: Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8, Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), National School Lunch (free program only), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), TennCare. If you are interested in this service, you can call 1\_800\_977\_3768 or go to [www.safelinkwireless.com](http://www.safelinkwireless.com).

As required by Tennessee State law, an accredited inspector/management planner to determine the condition of any asbestos in our school has inspected Orange Grove Center. The results of this inspection, periodic inspections, and three-year re-inspections are available for review in the Maintenance Office. The Asbestos Management Plan was originally prepared in 1991. All material, friable and non-friable, throughout the school has been sampled. Orange Grove Center does not have a health hazard from asbestos building materials. The continuing implementation of our Asbestos Management Plan will ensure that a health hazard does not arise in the future. The Asbestos Management Plan is available for review by appointment only. Please contact the Office of the Deputy Director to arrange viewing. Michael Gray with Alternative Actions, Inc., an accredited asbestos inspector/management planner, has been hired to update the necessary reports and management plan. Michael is available to discuss our Asbestos Management Plan and asbestos in general. He can be reached at (423) 843-0773.

Thank you for your attention in these matters.