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Slalom at SAGE! Volunteers share their time

Over the past few months, generous volunteers from Morrison partner, Slalom Consulting, have shared their expertise with the residents of SAGE Youth Residential Program through a series of evening workshops. Classes have included Geography & Culture, Indian Dance, Job Skills, and even a cooking class and dinner party. The residents have enjoyed the workshops so much that they plan to lead one themselves for Slalom.

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Thank you, Slalom! We appreciate your continued support of Morrison and the youth we serve.



From left to right: Surbhi Mahendru, Jeremiah Cathcart, Eric Guess, Kelli Doodittle & Samantha Berger



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Parents Anonymous in Washington D.C.

Morrison Presents at Major Conference

This September, Parents Anonymous of Oregon Program Manager, Linda May Wacker, and Parent Mentor, Alicia Richard, were selected to present at the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the event's theme was "Building Community, Building Hope." Attendees were welcomed by a letter from President Obama thanking them for their important work with children and families.

Linda May shared, "It was interesting to hear that, despite our different locations, we share very similar struggles in supervision and workplace culture. In the Parent Mentor Program, we pride ourselves on creating a supportive workplace for staff who are in recovery from the disease of addiction, where Recovery comes first, Family comes second, and Work comes third. We know that it's effective because we have a low staff turnover rate, and our staff regularly report "I love my job!" It was an honor to share some of the tools and practices that we use to support our staff."

To learn more about Morrison's Parents Anonymous® of Oregon & Parent Mentor Program, visit our [YouTube page](#) to watch an inspirational video.

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