

## HISTORY

The Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) system was established in 1994. The system consists of a state commission and 36 local commissions for each of the counties in Oregon. The OCCF system was established to improve the system of supports for children and families in communities. There were many advocates for its establishment, the primary force being members of the Children's Care Team established by Speaker of the House Larry Campbell prior to the 1993 Legislative Session. For a detailed, chronological history of the OCCF system, visit [www.oregon.gov/occf](http://www.oregon.gov/occf).

## MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension conference room located at 505 N. Columbia River Hwy., St. Helens, Oregon. They are open to the public.

Please join us!

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### **Mobilizing Communities to Maximize Resources**

We help build and sustain community networks that last over time and that leverage our strength and local resources. We bring together families, elected leaders, businesses, non-profits, faith based organizations and foundations to pool resources and solve problems.

### **Targeted Prevention and Intervention**

We partner with citizens and community organizations to invest in the emotional and physical health of children.

### **Strategic Policy Leading to Action**

We look beyond the horizon to imagine and plan better outcomes for children and families. We challenge lawmakers to put children first in every decision they make. We advocate for long term,

comprehensive policies in the best interests of children and families.

### **Investing in What Works**

We are a catalyst for bringing multiple partners together to get better results. We maximize limited resources and build strong relationships that are tailored to meet the needs of children and individual families. Coordinating services to reduce duplication preserves resources and improves outcomes.

### **Together, we get results.**

Our structure and size is our advantage. Being small and flexible allows us to respond rapidly to meet community needs.

Some of our results:

- ❑ 85% of youth served by the Teen and Family Transition program are diverted from the Child Welfare or Juvenile Justice system.
- ❑ Almost 400 children access safe, fun after school

programs across the county.

- ❑ 25 first birth families receive support and education each month through our Healthy Start program.

**2009-2011**

### **Programs and initiatives**

#### Programs

- ▶ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- ▶ Healthy Start
- ▶ Skills Trainer
- ▶ Teen and Family Transition
- ▶ Vernonia After School
- ▶ Vernonia Summer School
- ▶ Vernonia Swimming

#### Initiatives

- ✓ Empty Bowls
- ✓ Holiday Book Bags
- ✓ Information and Referral
- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Undie Sunday
- ✓ Safe Kids