

MARION COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES
*To assure every child and their family an equal
opportunity to attain their full potential.*

2007-09 PROVIDER INVESTMENTS

DEDICATED FUNDS

COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

Marion County CASA, Inc.

2007-09 CFC funds: \$174,635

Court Appointed Special Advocates are trained volunteers who advocate for abused or neglected children. CASA advocates investigate relevant information about the case; advocate for the child in court, assuring that all relevant facts are brought before the court. CASAs facilitate and negotiate to insure that the court, the child welfare agency, and the child's attorney, if any, fulfill their obligations to the child in a timely fashion, monitor all court orders to insure compliance and to bring to the court's attention any change in circumstances that may require a modification of the court's order. CASA shares responsibility for the quality of services children receive during out-of-home placement and while in the jurisdiction of the court.

HEALTHY START

Catholic Community Services

2007-09 CFC funds: \$1,810,159

Healthy Start is a voluntary program that provides information and support services to all families at the birth of their first child, while identifying higher-risk families who could benefit from longer-term support services. Higher-risk families are offered ongoing home visits for up to three years. Healthy Start is an evidence-based child abuse prevention program.

RELIEF NURSERY

Family Building Blocks

2007-09 CFC funds: \$582,607

Family Building Blocks is a Crisis Relief Nursery, established in 1997 to help meet the critical need for a child abuse prevention program in Marion and Polk Counties. They serve children 6 weeks to 5 years old, and their families, who are at high risk for abuse and neglect. Primary services include: therapeutic early childhood classes; home visits; respite and emergency childcare; intensive parent education with a child/parent interactive lab; family support and referral; transportation; mental health services for children and families; clothes closet; toy lending library; Healthy Start home visiting; and court-mandated supervised visitations.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

CHURCHES AS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS (CANc)

Salem Leadership Foundation

2007-08 CFC funds: \$21,000

Churches in various neighborhoods throughout Salem and Keizer have opened their doors as after-school programs. Each of the centers are running a Homework Club, increasing academic support in partnership with nearby schools. The focus is on improving school attendance, decreasing behavioral incidents and increasing academic performance of each student enrolled in the after-school programs.

HOPS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Hubbard Organized for Progress

2007-08 CFC funds: \$16,000

Supervised and structured after-school program for children and youth in grades K-8 in Hubbard, Aurora, and Donald.

H O S T

Northwest Human Services

2007-09 CFC funds: \$214,570

HOST provides temporary and long-term shelter and supportive services to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. Whenever possible and appropriate, HOST works to reunite youth with their family. Activities include: emergency shelter; 24-hour crisis intervention services; initial assessment of drug abuse, suicide and risk of abuse; on-site case management; life-skill building; family mediation; and life skill development (offered in English and Spanish).

POWER PROGRAM

City of Salem

2007-08 CFC funds: \$24,000

The POWER Program provides after-school activities at each of the Salem-Keizer School District's middle schools. Youth are in a productive and supervised setting engaged in activities including after-school classes, clubs, youth centers, field trips, and community service projects. Academic enrichment, mentoring, recreation and social activities are incorporated into a menu of options offered to students.

PROJECT SUCCESS

Jefferson School District

2007-08 CFC funds: \$30,000

Project SUCCESS is a free after-school program located at the Jefferson Elementary School, serving children grades K-5. Activities include meaningful, self-selected activities (computer lab, tutor lab, crafts, sports, games) focused on academic skills, building conflict resolution skills, cultural sensitivity, self-esteem, leisure skills, beneficial peer relations; and sustained interactions with caring, resourceful and experienced staff. This program provides low-income students opportunities to participate in activities they may be otherwise unable to access such as 4H, art classes, sport teams, and Boy and Girl Scouts, etc.

YOUTH CONNECT

Touching Our Community, Inc.

2007-08 CFC funds: \$5,000

Youth Connect is a free after-school program serving Jefferson Middle School, grades 6-8. Students select from a variety of activities. Adult volunteers work with small groups of students in areas such as homework assistance, cooking classes, computer classes, career exploration, outdoor recreation, drama and indoor hobbies.