

BACK TO SCHOOL!



Our five classrooms are back in session! We pride ourselves on providing top-notch academics in conjunction with intensive treatment services for children who have behavior issues that hinder their ability to be successful in a standard classroom. This year we are excited to implement the new Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Science Fusion curriculum. The focus for our Alder class (3-5 yrs) will be on big ideas and essential questions. Topics include animals, plants, environments, Earth's resources, objects in the sky, forces and energy, and matter. The Maple and Centennial (6-8 yrs) classrooms will be learning what it means to think and work like a scientist. We will increase our inquiry skills by learning how to solve problems using the investigation process, and increase understanding of life sciences including animals, plants, and weather before moving into the study of matter and energy. Our Willow and Cascade Middle School students will be starting the year learning about geology. We will be observing rocks and testing them for hardness, color, striations, and place of origin. We will then move onto cells and biology.

These classrooms are in need of science materials to conduct experiments and participate in hands-on learning: microscopes and prepared slides, rock collection kits, goggles, plants, thermometers, rock samples, clay, measuring cups, flashlights, and hand lens. We have set up a wishlist on Amazon.com with items that are needed in the classroom. If you are interested in giving, please visit <http://a.co/dK4WH8L> or you can always donate through our website via Paypal! Thank you!

Autism Program UPDATE

Since our humble beginnings in the fall of 2016, the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program has really taken off! The number of children we get to work with in homes and at our center in downtown Eugene continues to grow. We've started two social groups in our center, one for teens and one for younger kids. The kids in each group are presented with opportunities to form relationships with peers through social play such as board games. Topics include social skills, emotional regulation, and strategies to recognize and cope with bullying. We hope to facilitate friendships and help the kids in our program to learn the skills they need to make friends in their daily lives. We can't wait to see what the future holds for our program and our kiddos!

ICTS Success Story

When Caden* entered Kindergarten he struggled with expressing his thoughts and emotions. Instead, he would throw things, scream, and hurt other students. This resulted in him having to spend most of his time in a behavioral support classroom—a classroom that supports kids with challenging behaviors and gives specialized one-to-one help. One of the behavioral specialist's told Caden's mom about The Child Center and that there were ways to help improve Caden's behavior. She called The Child Center and got his initial assessment done right away.

During the first few years of therapy Caden saw a behavioral support specialist (BSS) and a therapist three or more times a week. They worked with Caden on how to better express his emotions, and they also helped his family get their home life back on track.

Over the past five years Caden has shown huge amounts of improvement, especially at school. During first and second grade he spent the whole year in the behavioral support classroom, and struggled daily with meltdowns and lashing out. Last year, he was able to be back in his regular classroom with a behavioral specialist on standby just in case he had a breakdown. Not only was he able to be in a normal classroom setting, he also only had one behavior incident! This year, Caden is entering fourth grade and is going to be enrolled in a standard classroom like any other kid.

Caden no longer needs a BSS and only sees his therapist once a week. Instead of having aggressive meltdowns several times a day at home, they occur once a month at most. He can now express his thoughts better and can talk through his emotions when he's upset.

His Mom said that Caden is a "whole different kid" and she thanks The Child Center everyday for our help. In the future she only sees success for Caden in both his academic and home life.

*Name has been changed for the sake of privacy



cordially invites you to a

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

October 18th, 2017

Open house, including tours: 11:30-1:30

Light refreshments will be provided

12:00pm - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with distinguished guests

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- You are invited to our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Behavioral Health and Wellness Center!
- The long process of planning, raising funds, and working with multiple agencies is finally at an end! Construction will be finished the beginning of October, so we invite you to come to an open house for tours, snacks, and a short ceremony dedicating the building. Thank you to each person who has helped make this possible.
- We hope you can join us!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Thank you to the **Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation** for their generous grant to help support us improve evaluation and assessment of our programs!

Thank you to Diane Burt, Kathy Deardorff, Angie Steinhoff, Rich Locke, Charles Shoup, Chris Dunnington for donating school supplies for our classrooms!

Thank you to **Bags of Love** for donating bags stuffed with clothes, toiletries, and toys for our clients!

Don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook!

Great Rotary Raffle: Get Your Tickets!!

The Child Center is excited and grateful to be a recipient agency for this year's Great Rotary Raffle. The grant will go to support our Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention & Treatment Project (CAP IT), which aims to stop child abuse at the root cause. At-risk and abused children will be assessed and start treatment and their parents will be provided free Collaborative Problem Solving parent education classes to gain skills to build positive relationships with their children. For abused children, recovery results in being able to develop healthy relationships with others and confidence to succeed in having a productive and happy life. This wrap-around approach of prevention, intervention, and treatment is what is needed to end child abuse, one family at a time.

Make sure to stop by or contact us to purchase your raffle tickets. The money goes to supporting us and all of the other great agencies that help families and end child abuse in Lane County.

AND, this year's prizes are as great as ever: 2017 Hyundai Sonata, a gorgeous gemstone pendant, and over \$25,000 in gift cards!

Thank you!

