

Spotlight: Crisis Response Program



Three staff members from the Crisis Response Program: Kendra Thomas, Crisis Response Worker (left), Sharma Rapoport, Crisis Response Program Director (middle), and Justin Madeira, Crisis Response Worker (right).

Our 24 hours a day, 365 days a year **Crisis Response Program** is operated by a collaboration between Jasper Mountain, Looking Glass, and The Child Center. It provides support and help to parents, foster parents, adoptive parents, and other caregivers throughout Lane County when their child is experiencing a mental health crisis. Most crisis calls are successfully resolved over the phone. However, sometimes an on-site intervention is needed, and with parent permission, a response team of crisis workers will be sent out to provide crisis intervention services on-site at the youth's location. In some situations, the crisis response team may authorize, with parental approval, a voluntary, temporary mental health crisis care placement lasting 24-72 hours, depending on needs of the child and family.

On average, the Crisis Response Program receives more than 1,100 calls per year, resulting in over 500 go-outs and approximately 120 crisis placements.

For more information, contact our Crisis Response Program at 541-726-1465.



Crisis Response Team Intervention Success

“I am raising my grandson after he experienced neglect and abuse with his biological parents. It is hard at my age to chase around a five-year-old, particularly one who is highly reactive, has tantrums often, and will run away. We were having a particularly difficult afternoon, he was screaming, trying to hit me, throwing things, and banging his head. I contacted the Crisis Response Team. They were not able to talk to him over the phone, so they came out to my home. He ended up jumping out his window and running away, at which point the crisis workers ran after him and were able to get him back safely. They arranged a respite stay for him to help him to calm down more and to give me some space to breathe. I appreciated how gentle the crisis workers were with him, and how they took into account all the trauma he has experienced. My grandson is currently on a waitlist for higher intensity services. I so appreciated the support they offered me.”



The Child Center's **Outpatient Program** is bursting with clients needing support and counseling, and our therapists are excited to be offering some new groups this summer to meet some of this need in a creative and sometimes (more) therapeutic environment. We are offering a group for Coping with Anxiety for girls ages 7-10, a Harry Potter-themed group for Trauma Healing for ages 9-12, an Inside Out-themed group for coping with emotions for ages 6-8, and an Art Therapy and Support Group for middle school-aged kids in the Bethel area. We will also be bringing on more therapists over the summer and fall to meet the growing need and to provide support to kids and families.

Great Partners at Great Clips!

They clip, they snip, they buzz and bouffant, but here they also do something extraordinary: they give back to the community in a direct and very meaningful way.

Davian Rogers has been working for the Great Clips at 1873 Pioneer Parkway E. in Springfield for ten years, and for the last six of those she has been the manager. When asked to donate haircuts to our clients, she jumped at the chance, even suggesting that we partner with them to provide additional haircuts throughout the year as needed.

For kids with autism, past trauma, sensory challenges, anxiety, and other mental health issues, a haircut can be uncomfortable, scary, and even painful. Davian understands this, and with good communication, flexibility, and patience, she is committed to serving our clients and giving them the best experience possible.

Davian, her staff, and the owners of this location are all committed to ensuring community development and improvement by supporting organizations like The Child Center, one that holds a special place in Davian's heart.

Thank you Davian and Great Clips for the many smiles you bring to our clients with your scissors, your generosity, and your love!



Here we grow again... On June 01, 2018, The Child Center's Bend office opened a new location in La Pine at 51530 Huntington Road, Suite #5! The new office will provide outpatient mental health services to children, adolescents, and adults facing emotional, behavioral, and mental health challenges. Clients must be insured through OHP. Please call for more information or to access services: 541-728-0062.



Summer Yoga Relief

More and more, kid's yoga is being linked to increased self-confidence, improved performance in school, and most importantly, a marked observable and measurable relief in both

stress and anxiety. Yoga can often simply make kids happier!

To those ends, our IOSS program is incorporating daily yoga into our summer curriculum for our Cascade Middle School kids. They will Downward Dog and Tree Pose to improved mental and physical health while gaining skills around mindful breathing, sitting in silence, and reconnecting to their bodies.

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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Thank you also to the Eugene Family YMCA, the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) Lane County, and the Willamalane Park and Recreation District for allowing us to partner with you on your recent events in Eugene and Springfield!