



The Child Center Winter 2021 Newsletter

Expanding Access to Crisis Services



In November of 2020, TCC was awarded a grant from OHA to pilot a new type of crisis response service here in Lane County. While our Crisis Response Program already serves Lane County 24/7, there are families who may not know of the service. Often these families go to an emergency department at their local hospital to seek help when their child is experiencing a mental health crisis. Our local emergency departments are a great resource for the times when there may be a broken bone, concern about possible appendicitis, or other physical concern, but for children and youth experiencing a mental health crisis, the services are not as specialized to suit their needs as is ideal.

CATS (Crisis and Transition Services) programs can help both emergency departments and the children, youth, and families who head there for help during a mental health crisis. The program works by partnering emergency departments of area hospitals with a trusted community partner, in this case The Child Center, who can be contacted when a child or youth arrives at the emergency department for help. With a dedicated therapist, teams of crisis workers, and a family peer support specialist, the CATS team responds to address the immediate needs of the child or youth, as well as connecting them to ongoing therapy, and working with the family to identify other areas of support.

We're incredibly excited to have been awarded the grant to test out this program here in Lane County, and look forward to having yet another way to serve our communities.



TCC Celebrates 50 Years!

It's TCC's golden anniversary! This year TCC turns 50. In 1971, The Child Center began with funding from the State of Oregon to open a non-residential, intensive day treatment program. From that single program we've now grown to 9 programs, several pilot programs, and service areas across two counties!

To celebrate, we'll be hosting a 50th anniversary event this summer to include a look back at TCC's history, interviews from our staff both new and old, and a fundraiser to help support TCC as we continue growing to provide the services and support our communities need. Stay tuned to our Facebook, website, and here on newsletters for more information about how you can help us celebrate 50 years of supporting children, youth, and their families to heal and thrive.

Thank You Holiday Project Partners!

With the support from several community businesses and generous individual donors, we were able to provide nearly 900 gifts to more than 100 children and 5 families! Many of the families we serve are low-income, and during a normal year may not be able to provide gifts for their kids. Given the extraordinary circumstances brought about by the pandemic and local fires, many families we serve have faced even harder years than normal. We are so glad to be able to have contributed a bit of holiday cheer to their lives.

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This year's Holiday Project wouldn't have been a success without you.

Your Support Helps Continue Our Work

We have been so lucky to receive continued support from so many members of our community and area grantors. Thank you to the following for helping us continue to serve children and their families:

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In memory of Yvonne Zoumboukos.

Oregon Community Foundation, Central Oregon Health Council (COHC), OHA, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, and Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund.

The support from our community means the world to us. If you would like to support TCC, you can visit our website at www.thechildcenter.org and click the donate button in the righthand corner, or mail donation checks to The Child Center, Attn: Lupe Gardner, 44 Club Rd Suite 210, Eugene, OR 97401.

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