



# Umatilla County

Commission on Children and Families

*For immediate Release:*

*Please include this information in an article **before Sunday, January 30, 2010**. Also, please list the time, date and location of the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Session** in the **Community Calendar/Events** section in all issues leading up to the date of **Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> for Hermiston** and **Feb. 25 for Umatilla**. Thank you.*

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## **Citizen input requested at Follow-up Work Sessions for the Umatilla County Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan:**

**Feb. 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. , Hermiston High School Commons**

**Feb. 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 1001 6<sup>th</sup>, Umatilla.**

The Umatilla County Commission on Children and Families in cooperation with Umatilla County Youth Services Division are at work updating the Local High-Risk Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan for Umatilla County and are, once again, inviting members of the community and partnering agency professionals to be active participants in this planning process.

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Program (JCP) is a State of Oregon initiative that provides funds to Oregon counties and tribes to pay for services supporting youth and families, with the goal of preventing youth from engaging in criminal behavior that would result in them entering the juvenile justice system. JCP monies fund services and programs identified, within the JCP plan, to meet specific needs and focus on identifying and intervening with youth at high risk of entering the juvenile justice system. Services can be grouped into direct interventions (such as substance abuse treatment, tutoring, or family counseling), case management (including coordinated review and monitoring of a youth's needs and services), and support services (including the provision of basic needs services, such as housing assistance or medical assistance).

During the initial Town Hall Work Session, held at the Hermiston High School Commons Room on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, community members were asked to help identify local issues, gaps and barriers to accessing services. The focus of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Sessions will be to consider that information and begin to determine community priorities and strategies that are useful in filling gaps, breaking down barriers, and get at the heart of the issues that put youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. A meeting for residents of the city of Umatilla will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Feb. 25 at the School District Office at 1001 6<sup>th</sup> St., Umatilla. For more information contact Shelley Ena, 541-278-5486

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