

WHO WE ARE

The Umatilla County Commission on Children and Families (CCF) is a group of community volunteers appointed by the Board of County Commissioners that act as a powerful catalyst to bring critical community partners together to harness the collective capacity of individual citizens, civic organizations, businesses, faith groups, non-profits, schools, social service and health care providers, along with state agencies to help children from birth to young adulthood.

Applications to become a member are always accepted and available on our website at

<http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/ccf.htm>

CURRENT CCF MEMBERS

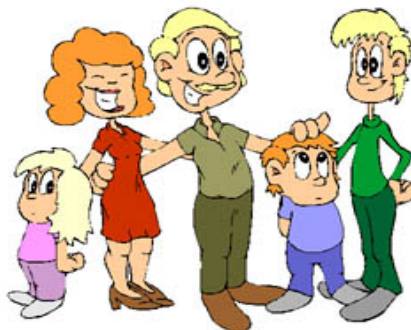
- * Pendleton: Arron Swenson, Sheri Maze, Crystal Long, Vickie Read, Jami Niord
- * Hermiston: Anne Doherty
- * Milton-Freewater: Nora Kramer
- * Mandated Reps: Joyce Turner (DHS Child Welfare), Kim Wilson-Noisy (Youth Services) & Theresa Elisoff, (CTUIR)

STAFF

Shelley Ena, Coordinator

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Larry Givens
Bill Hansell
Dennis Doherty



CCF VALUES AND SUPPORTS

1. Coordination and Collaboration.
2. Open communication between individuals, groups and agencies.
3. Being supportive of each other, individuals, families, systems and Community.
4. Being supportive of systems that create productive people who are service oriented, emotionally stable, physically fit, socially well-adjusted, aware and involved.
5. A peaceful resolution to problems.
6. Honoring and respecting diversity.



SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

The Commission on Children and Families receives state and federal funding to reduce juvenile crime, teen pregnancy and the school dropout rate. We are also commissioned to support programs that enhance the lives of young children by locally investing flexible grant funds that support locally identified needs. The Local CCF makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on how these dollars would be used best based on our comprehensive assessment of community needs. The idea here is that local people are the best ones to make decisions about programs that are important to our community.

2009-10 Contracts: CAPECO's Family Support Services, Special Library District's Take Off Program, Lost and Found Youth Outreach, Homestead Youth Services Marigold Program, and Campfire Kids Club. OCCF dedicates specific funding for Healthy Start/Healthy Families & Court Appointed Special Advocates both contracted through UMCHS, Inc., The Pioneer Relief Nursery and the Youth Investment Program.

Client Specific Services supported with Juvenile Crime Prevention Funding are: Functional Family Therapy, Wraparound Services via C.A.R.E., Girl's Circle/Boy's Council Gender Specific Groups, A&D Treatment Services. Also, Group specific Plans that may include Community Accountability Boards or other best practices as determined by local stakeholders.



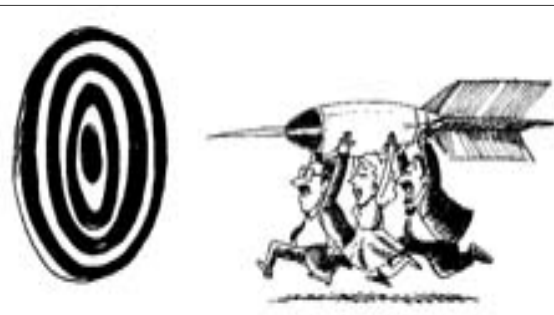
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IN UMATILLA COUNTY... IT'S ABOUT COMMUNITY

In 1999, SB555 directed the counties to “map” a Comprehensive Plan of Services provided in each county. In order to accomplish this task, during Phase 1, the Commission on Children and Families held numerous planning meetings and focus groups throughout the county and also surveyed community members, agencies and their clients and local volunteers. Some of the most common gaps identified were:

- ⇒ Transportation
- ⇒ Quality, Affordable Child care
- ⇒ After school programs (school age child care)
- ⇒ Communication barriers

Phase II of the Comprehensive Planning process addressed these and other identified community service gaps. Priorities and Strategies are the focus of that plan. The emphasis is on evidence-based best practices and measurable outcomes...solutions to fill the gaps.

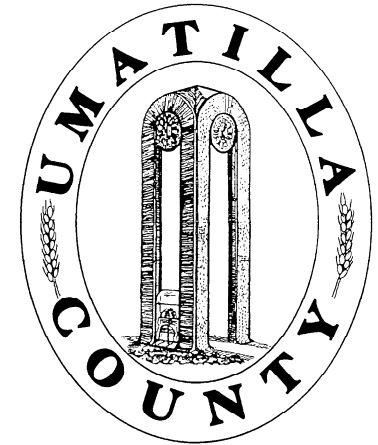


With the assistance of our community partners, the Umatilla County Commission on Children and Families compiled the Comprehensive Community Plan that includes the following goals:

1. Strong Nurturing Families
2. Healthy Thriving Children
3. Healthy Thriving Youth
4. Caring Communities

To reach these goals we are working on the following issues:

- *Decrease reported rates of repeated child abuse and neglect as reported by DHS Child Welfare's re-abuse rates*
- *Promote positive youth development activities through school-based and/or community-based programs.*
- *Strengthen community norms regarding no alcohol, tobacco, or other drug use by youth*
- *Improve the academic and social success of children by getting more children ready to learn as a result of improved parenting skills with a focus on literacy*
- *Decrease the school dropout rate*
- *Reduce domestic violence by increasing family functioning skills and supports*
- *Reduce poverty by increasing the number of residents with incomes above the federal poverty level*
- *Reduce adult alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug use / abuse*
- *Reduce the teen pregnancy rate*
- *Reduce juvenile arrest and recidivism rates and maintain OYA bed use for repeat youth offenders*



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