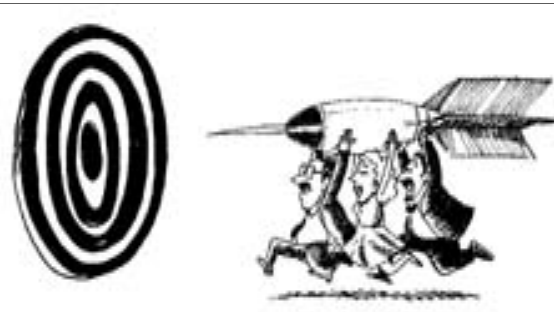

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IN UMATILLA COUNTY... IT'S ABOUT COMMUNITY

In 1999, SB555 directed the Commission to “map” a Comprehensive Plan of Services currently provided in each county. In order to accomplish this task, during Phase 1, the Commission 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
- ⇒ Child care
- ⇒ After school programs (school age child care)
- ⇒ Language 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.

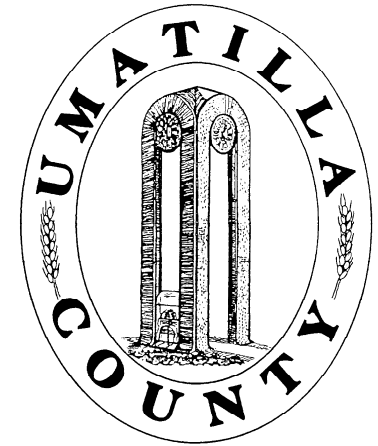


With the assistance of our community partners, the Umatilla County Commission on Children and Families compiled the Comprehensive Community Plan that includes the following goals:

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:

- *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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WHO WE ARE

The Umatilla County Commission on Children and Families (CCF) is a group of community volunteers who are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to develop and oversee a Comprehensive Plan of Services for Families. Our mission is to promote the wellness of children and families in Umatilla County. Members of the commission come from all parts of the county. 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

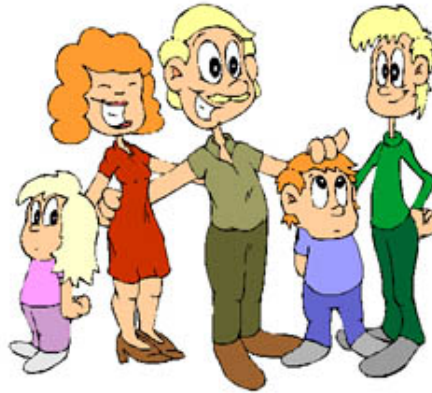
- * Pendleton: Arron Swenson, Shari Maze
- * Hermiston: Regina Marks
- * Echo: Larry Hanson (Chair)
- * Milton-Freewater: Commissioner Larry Givens, CCF Liaison to BOCC
- * Mandated reps: Joyce Turner (DHS Child Welfare), Charles Logan-Belford (Youth Services) & Theresa Ellisoff, (CTUIR)

STAFF

Shelley Ena, Coordinator
Melvalee Carter, Admin. Assistant

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.

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CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

The Commission on Children and Families receives funds from the State of Oregon and the Federal Government 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 and provide child care. The Local CCF determines how these dollars are used based on their 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.

Funds have been contracted for the 2007-09 biennium with the following service providers: Child Care Resource and Referral, CAPECO's Girl's Circle & Family Support Services, West Hill's After School Program, Tonya's House, Special Library District's Take Off Program, Public Health's Healthy Start Program, Washington School's Learning Community, Campfire Kids Club, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Pioneer Relief Nursery and Youth Investment Program activities.

Providers contracted with Juvenile Crime Prevention Funding are: Homestead's Marigold Program, C.A.R.E., Girl's Circle, Umatilla County A&D-TM Counseling Collaborative, Umatilla County A&D Prevention Program and Youth Assessments

