



Family Preservation and Parent Mentor Program



Meeting the Unmet Need

Community members coming together to strengthen the family unit one parent at a time

Family Preservation Newsletter- May 2016

Introducing: The Family Preservation Program

A Family for Every Child has spent 10 years developing and initiating programs that fill gaps in child welfare systems. Now it's time to introduce AFFEC's newest addition- The Family Preservation Program.

The Family Preservation Program works to give families across Lane County the opportunity to access resources and skills, previously not available to them. We pair them with a Parent Mentor who assists them throughout their process, while AFFEC simultaneously remains engaged with the indicated resources.

- We work off a system of referrals- the family is referred to us and participation is on a voluntary basis.
- We conduct a strengths/needs assessment with the family to direct them to services and pair them up with a Parent Mentor.
- We track the relationship between the family and the mentor, provide monthly classes aimed at further developing skills, and remain engaged with the services referred to the family.



The Benefits of Family Preservation

-As more and more children are taken into foster care across the nation, more and more conversations discussing

permanency are occurring. Whether it's State institutions or non-profits, individuals working with the foster care system recognize that allowing children to remain with their families can save them from experiencing trauma related to separation. However, permanency worries many folks due to highly publicized news stories that cover children who fell through cracks and remained with their abusive caretakers. While this is a serious concern, many families have fixable situations that require time and assistance in order to create a solution. In Oregon, the State has developed a system for themselves

called, [Differential Response](#), that addresses some of the issues surrounding permanency with children in foster care. At A Family for Every Child, our goal is to reach families before they have DHS contact- we are trying to fix issues within our community before the State needs to get involved. To see what another State is doing in regards to permanency, check out the link below:

[Mississippi's Safe Families for Children](#)

Parent Mentor Program

Community engagement and connections allow us all to access opportunities that may not have been available to us otherwise. Some individuals in our community have limited access to opportunities and resources. Whether this limitation can be attributed to the number of individuals in the household, relationship status, language barriers, economic status, etc. barriers to resources affect families in negative ways. By introducing parent mentors into the Family Preservation Program, families entering the program will be given a vital connection to their community. The added support a Parent Mentor provides can mean the likelihood of a family's successful development. In Oregon, Morrison Child and Family Services created their program, Parents Anonymous of Oregon & Parent Mentor Program, that utilizes community volunteer involvement. Check out the video below to hear testimonials from participants in their program ;



Morrison's Parents Anonymous® of Oregon & Parent Mentor Program;

Become a Parent Mentor!

[Click Here](#) to check out our Parent Mentor Volunteer page and fill out an application form.

Click on the links below to register for our upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

[Come See us at Saturday Market!](#)

Saturday June 18, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM PDT

A Family for Every Child will be tabling from 10am-5pm, June 18th at Eugene's Saturday Market! Stop by, chat and learn more about our mentor programs and how you can help.

Eugene Saturday Market

[Art And The Vineyard](#)

Sunday July 3, 2016 at 11:00 AM PDT -to- Tuesday July 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM PDT

Join us at Art and The Vineyard! Art and The Vineyard is the premier art and wine festival in the Southern Willamette Valley. The festival, which is the principal fundraiser for the Maude Kerns Art Center, attracts over 20,000 visitors annually.

Come visit us at the festival's 33rd Anniversary!

Alton Baker Park- We are in the Youth Art Arena

[Children's Celebration](#)

Saturday July 30, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM PDT

Experience hands-on activities from more than 60 community exhibitors and members of your community. FREE with a canned food donation for FOOD for Lane County!!!

Island Park- Springfield

[Tap & Taste:](#)

Saturday August 27, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM PDT

Join us at the first annual Tap & Taste outdoor even in Downtown Springfield! The even will have beer, cider and food vendors all offering you a taste! Admission provides taste tickets to help enjoy the bounties of this festival. Ages 21 and older.;

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

-If you know a family who could utilize the services provided by The Family Preservation Program, [fill out a referral form](#) online. If you are unsure, contact the Family Preservation Director (contact info below).

Meet the Director

-Emma Stahl, the most recent addition to the AFFEC staff, is the new Director of Permanency (Family Preservation Program, Family Finding Program). Originally from Upstate New York, Emma came out West to attend the University

of Oregon where she graduated with a degree in Ethnic Studies and Sociology. She joined the AFFEC staff in April 2016 after volunteering with the organization for 6 months. She will be the main contact for both the Family Preservation Program and the Family Finding Program- if you have any questions for her you can:

Email- emma@afamilyforeverychild.org

Call- 541-343-2856 (General Office Number)

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!!



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