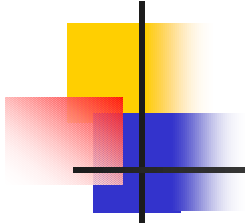
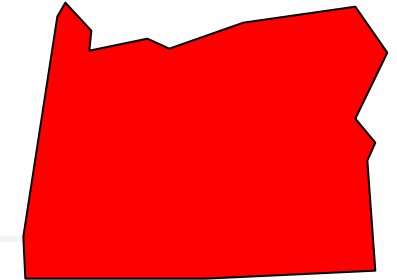


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Circumstances for All Families in Oregon



Lifespan
Respite

What is “family support” in OR?

There is family support for
children birth to 18 years

There are supports to adults
over 18 who are living at home
with their families.

Increasing
Demand

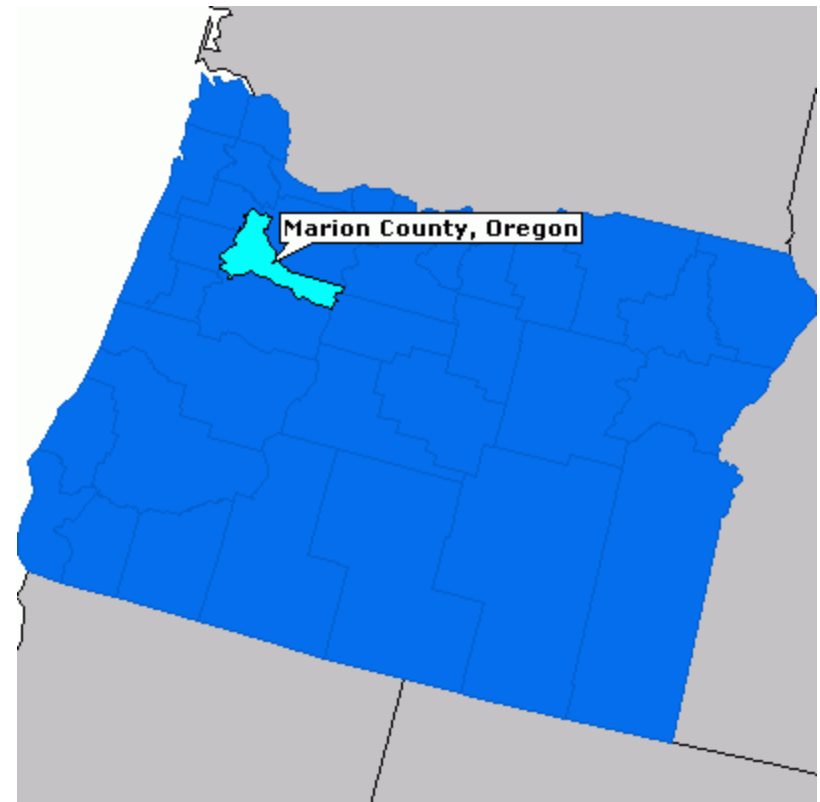
Budget
shortfalls

County family
support programs

Other state &
county programs

We are in Marion County...

- Includes Salem, Oregon's state capital
- Is about 50 miles south of Portland
- Has a fast-growing Latino population
- Latino's make up 17% of the county's population, compared to 8% statewide (2000 census)





Focus on Latino Families...

- 20% of people receiving services from Oregon Dept. of Human Services are Latino
- 13% of families with insufficient food in the Willamette Valley are Latino
- 13% of Marion County residents are living on insufficient income and have difficulty *meeting basic needs*
- 25% of families who sought domestic violence services in Marion County are Latino
- 10% of the school population in the Salem-Keizer and Woodburn School Districts are in special education
- 65% of students in Woodburn Schools receive ESL support
- 24% of Latino families do not have insurance coverage

Focus on Latino Families

- Significant barriers exist to services such as:
 - Language barriers
 - Cultural barriers
 - Significant basic needs



About Family Needs...



We thought about a lot of things...

- We considered what is already known about any family who has a child with a developmental disability.
- We considered Latino families' needs in general... whether or not the family has a child with a developmental disability.
- We considered the special needs of Latino families who have a child with a developmental disability.



Here's What We Found...

Children face challenges related to...

- Health
- Getting around or doing things
- Learning
- Behavior
- Social skills and friendships

Families face challenges related to...

- Natural reactions
- Stress and more stress
- Big change in life
- Isolation from others
- Financial costs
- Demands on TIME
- Trouble being a "family"
- Language and Culture



Here's What We Found

Need

Child's Needs

Family's Needs

Culture & Language

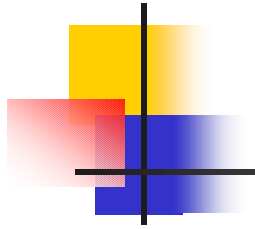
Education

Health

Social Services

DD Services

Employment



Culture and Language

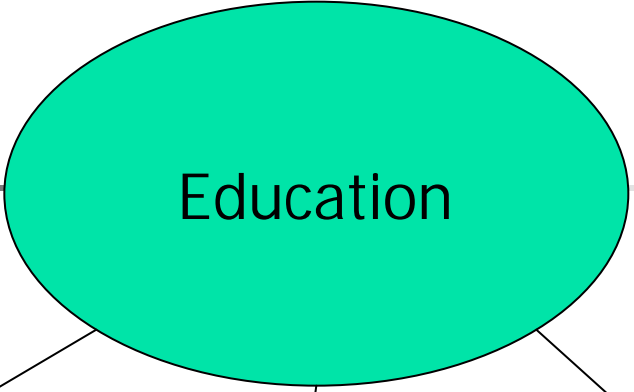
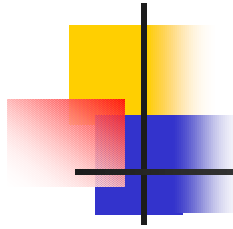
Providers who
don't speak
Spanish

Discrimination

Not enough
translators/

Interpreters

Providers/teachers
not understanding
Latino culture

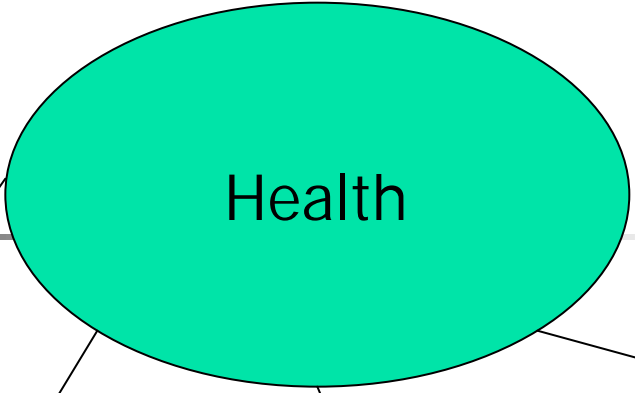
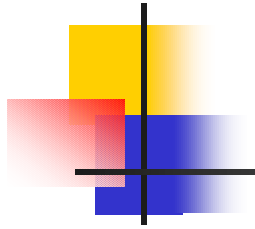


Help with
working with
the school
system.

A good IEP!

Teacher training
about disabilities
and Latino culture

Programs to
teach English
(ESL classes)



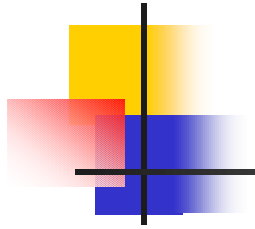
Health

Applying for Medicaid, and knowing our options

Affordable Health Insurance

Help getting health care (interpreters, access to clinics, transportation, Oregon Health Plan)

Doctors and dentists who are informed about the culture



Social Services

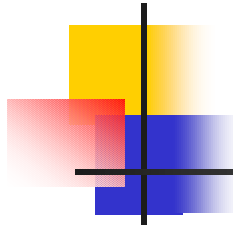
Applying for Social security benefits and knowing our rights

Information about what services are available

Referral to services

Help with getting services (transportation, interpreters, etc.)

Help with basic needs like food, housing, utilities, clothing



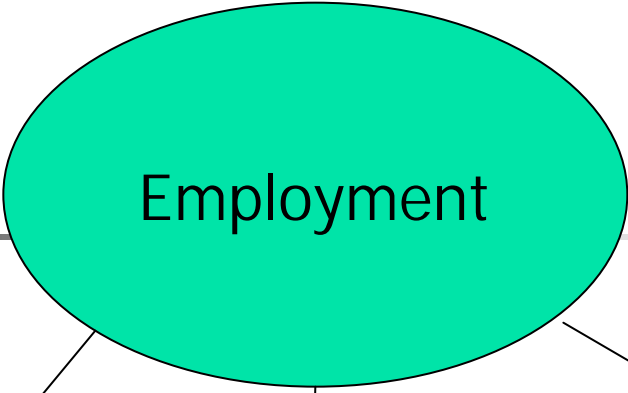
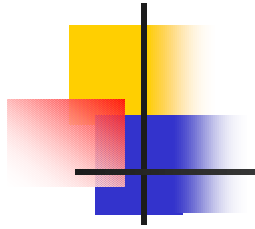
Developmental
Disability
Services

Services to give
parents a break
(respite care)

More services for
children under age 21,
including recreational
services, child care,
transition.

Advocacy services,
to know what our
rights are

Knowledge of
what services
are available



Better paying jobs with benefits for parents

Help applying for public employment assistance like TANF, knowing what our rights are

Help with creating opportunities for jobs for parents



Juntos Podemos ...



- Our goal is to find new ways to support Latino families with a child with a developmental disability.
- We developed a center where families can go to get the services and support they need.
- It is a community effort, so we look to **EVERYONE** in our community for help.



What is *Juntos Podemos*?

- *Juntos Podemos* is a “one-stop center” for families who have a child or children with developmental disabilities.
- The center is a program of the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI).
- We are a family center that offers information, training and planning ~ but mostly, we CONNECT people ~ to the community and to each other.



Juntos Podemos...



A LITTLE BACKGROUND...

- This project is part of a larger federal effort funded by the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities.
- ADD is testing new ways to support families... namely through its “Family Support 360” initiative.
- We were one of 30 states to receive a planning grant.
- We are one of 17 states with an “implementation grant.”
- We are 2 years into a FIVE YEAR effort.



Our Grant says we will...

The Human Services Research Institute is teaming with the members of the Oregon DD advocacy and services network to **design a One-Stop Center to assist poor, unserved and underserved families of children with disabilities** and address the problems that impede the self-sufficiency of these families in Marion County. We expect our actions will serve as a model for reform that can be implemented across the state.

Our Approach...



Juntos Podemos...

- Where people can go to get their needs met ... working with a person who cares about YOU!
 - No run around
 - People who speak Spanish
 - People who take the time to listen and who promptly return your phone calls



Some Highlights



- FS planning for 50 families/year
- Everyone is welcome!
- Parent Support Meetings
- A Resource Exchange Network
- “Family Stipend” Fund
- Community Participation/Events
- Website & Newsletter
- Library
- Classes
- Family Fund-Raising

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What do we do?

- We connect families to a wide variety of resources. Examples of the many ways that families can get what they need with the help of Juntos Podemos include:
 - Public services
 - Community resources
 - Networking with other families
 - Family Stipend fund



Public Services

- We help them access and understand many useful public services like:
 - County services
 - Health services
 - School services
 - Social security benefits



Community Resources

- We help families build connections to the community by:
 - Arranging for experts to provide parent training.
 - Putting families into contact with community programs.
 - Working with local businesses and community organizations of many kinds.



Families Helping Families

- We offer them the opportunity to give and get support. We do this by organizing events and activities through which families get to know and help one another. These include:
 - Monthly parent meetings
 - Fun festivals, group trips, picnics
 - Classes



We always invite families to:

- Learn about disabilities and resources in our library.
- Sit with us to develop a plan that meets their needs.
- Ask us for a copy of our quarterly newsletter.
- Get involved in our parent-planning committee.

Juntos Podemos in action...

