

# MONTHLY REPORT

Polk County Service Integration Newsletter



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## Polk County Service Integration Newsletter

by Abby Warren

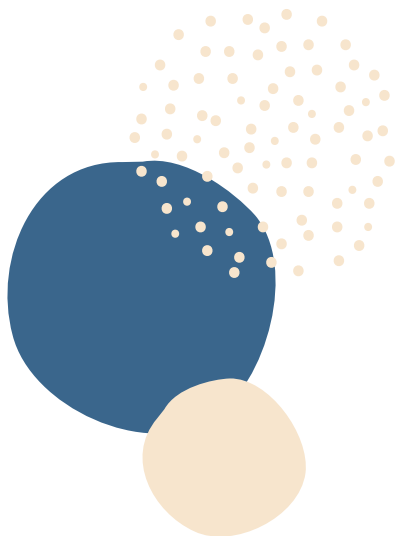
Welcome to the Polk County Service Integration (SI) Newsletter. We are so glad you are here and interested in learning more about who we are and what we are all about. Every month, Polk County SI community partners come together to create an informational hub full of community resources, services, and events.

Polk County SI teams are continually working to reduce the duplication of services while promoting self-reliant, healthy, and successful families and individuals. This newsletter is just one of the ways partners throughout the county share and connect.

If you would like to attend a future SI meeting, you can sign up for meeting reminders [HERE](#).

### CONNECT WITH SI

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# TEAM RUNDOWN



## THE MEETING INFO

# Team Meeting Info

We look forward to seeing you at our regional Service Integration Team (SIT) meetings. Each of the 6 Polk County Teams meet once per month. Team meetings are held from September 2023- June 2024.

## SIT Meeting Calendar

Want to join us for a meeting this year?  
Check out the 2023-2024 meeting calendar!



**2023-2024 POLK COUNTY SERVICE INTEGRATION TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE**

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Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. For the latest updates, visit our website at [www.ci.polk.or.us/Regional-Service-Integration](http://www.ci.polk.or.us/Regional-Service-Integration) or contact the Service Integration Coordinator at [warrenabb@ci.polk.or.us](mailto:warrenabb@ci.polk.or.us)

Please share and invite those who might be interested in attending a meeting. No RSVP is necessary, and anyone is welcome to attend.



# THE SCOOP



## STAY IN THE KNOW

### Connect with the Resource Center!

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By Nicole Walker-Sundby

The Resource Center would like to connect with you! We would like to invite you to present information for your agency and connect with our Resource Center and staff at upcoming staff meetings.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nicole Sundby at [sundby.nicole@co.polk.or.us](mailto:sundby.nicole@co.polk.or.us) or 503-751-1644.

Click [HERE](#) for flyer

### Fair Housing Council Art Contest

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By Mel Keller

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) is thrilled to present their 26th Annual Fair Housing

Poster Contest theme: "It's Fun Having All Kinds of Neighbors."

Oregon students in the 1st through 8th grades are encouraged to design and submit their very

own poster, exhibiting the importance of acceptance and diversity in our

communities. This is the

perfect opportunity to engage the youngest members of our community in open discussion about civil rights in housing.

The top Contest entries receive cash awards and the chance to showcase their artwork throughout Oregon.

Click [HERE](#) for the poster contest flyer  
- English

Click [HERE](#) for the poster contest flyer  
- Spanish

Click [HERE](#) for a letter template



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### Polk County Youth Opportunities

By Annie Buse

- **The Polk County Mini Grant application is now open!** Are you, or someone you know, interested in helping bring activities that youth want to your community? If so, this is a great opportunity to apply for some funds to do so! Please note, this application closes on **February 2nd at 5pm**. Check out the mini grants flyer [HERE](#) for more information and to scan the QR code to review the application.
- **Teen Job Readiness Course:** Calling all high school students looking to become job ready and wanting to earn \$200! Join us for the upcoming 4 week job readiness course for all youth ages 16 years and older. This program provides the opportunity to gain basic job skills, meet employers, learn foundational financial skills, and job shadow 2 businesses/organizations that you would like to take part in. The application deadline has been extended to **February 9th!** To access the application, please scan the QR code or contact Annie Buse at [buse.annie@co.polk.or.us](mailto:buse.annie@co.polk.or.us) Click [HERE](#) for flyer.
- **Substance Awareness webinar:** In partnership with Central High School and Fostering Hope Initiative, Polk County Prevention team is providing an online, anonymous, Substance Awareness webinar for any community member or family interested in learning more about the common substances impacting our community today. If you are interested in attending, please see the flyer for registration-- Spanish interpretation will be provided. The first 50 households logged on to this event, will receive a \$25 gift card to their grocery store of choice. If you have any questions, please contact Annie Buse at [buse.annie@co.polk.or.us](mailto:buse.annie@co.polk.or.us) Click [HERE](#) for flyer.
- **High School Video Workshop:** Polk County Prevention team, in partnership with Altar Media, is hosting a high school video workshop for any high school student wanting to learn basic skills about videography and photography. This FREE opportunity is coming up on Saturday, February 24th from 1-4pm. Check out the flyer for more information! Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

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### Thoughts & Gifts Program Year-End Update

By Jean Love

On behalf of The Thoughts & Gifts Project, thank you to all of the agencies, organizations, and businesses, who referred families and individuals to us in 2023. Because of you, we had the joy of celebrating **527** birthdays! That is a 33% increase from 2022, and a value of over \$35,000 in gifts, books, cards, games kits with prizes, and party decoration kits. Plus, we kicked-off summer with a soccer ball giveaway in June, distributed games to encourage family time during our Let's Play Giveaway in November, and hosted our second annual client appreciation event, Celebrating You Day, in August. We are grateful to all of our donors, volunteers, and partners who continue to support our mission to help ensure all youth, I/DD individuals, and seniors in Polk County are recognized and valued on their birthday regardless of economic status. Thank you to all who have made our first 5 years so amazing!

### CASA of Polk County Casino Night Event

By Amber Calef

Please join CASA of Polk County, Inc. for our 4th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser on March 9th, 2024.

Click [HERE](#) for the event flyer

### Fair Housing Council: Spring Education Series

By Marlee Baker

Check out the upcoming FREE training sessions hosted by The Fair Housing Council of Oregon.

#### **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

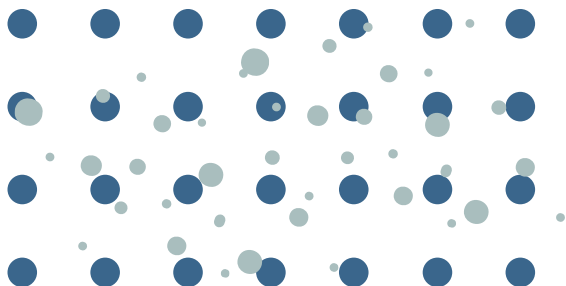
Feb. 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

#### **Hoarding & Fair Housing**

Mar. 4th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or

Mar. 6th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) for training flyer



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### Fuerza Campesina Community Resource Fair

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By Orlando Alvarez

**Share the news!** Under the umbrella of Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Fuerza Campesina will be conducting their first-ever community resource fair event. Its primary purpose is to connect the Hispanic migrant community with culturally appropriate services. The event will take place at Hoover Elementary School's gym on Saturday, February 24th, 2024, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. See bilingual flyer for additional information and address.

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for the Spanish & English Flyer

### New Hours for Bambinos!

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By Glenda Dunaway

Bambinos has new hours!

Monday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 12:30 - 6:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

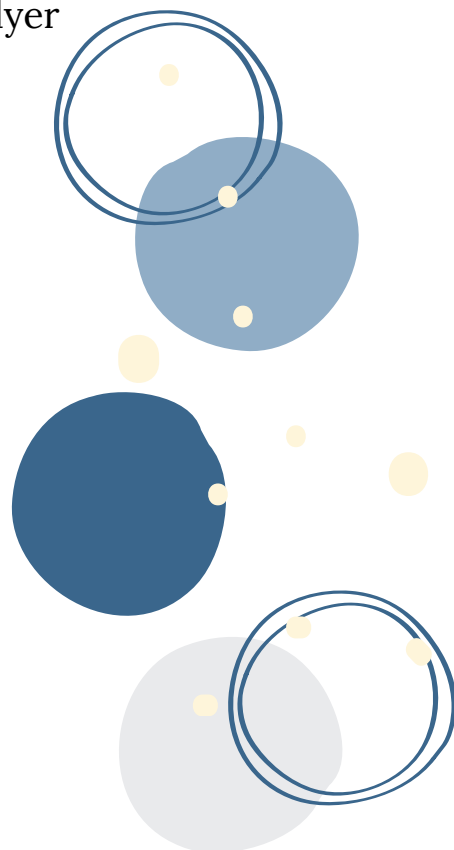
Friday: Closed

Saturday: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

(1st & 3rd of the month)

Sunday: Closed

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for flyer



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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### **ADRC: Health & Wellness**

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By Margaret Bailey

See the upcoming health classes available in the Polk County area. Please see the flyer linked below for details on available classes.

Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

### **Options Pregnancy Resource Center**

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By Kaitlynn Taylor

Learn about a mobile ultrasound clinic offering no-cost ultrasounds and pregnancy tests.

Monmouth: Feb. 21st

Independence: Feb. 13th & 27th

Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

### **PacificSource Commonly Requested Info**

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By Megan Wilson

Please click on the following links to check out two important informational guides from PacificSource.

**Guide to Flex Funds** - Learn more about Flex Funds, and how it may support clients you are working with. Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

**Non-Emergency Medical Transportation** - Learn more about how to access non-emergency medical transportation through PacificSource. Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

