

MONTHLY REPORT

Polk County Service Integration Newsletter



OCTOBER

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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](#).

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TEAM RUNDOWN



THE MEETING INFO



Team meetings are back!

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

PERRYDALE		FALLS CITY		DALLAS		WEST VALLEY		CENTRAL		WEST SALEM	
SEPTEMBER 2023			OCTOBER 2023			NOVEMBER 2023			DECEMBER 2023		
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Perrydale
10:00am-11:00am
1st Monday of every month
*2nd Monday in September
*2nd Monday in January
Salt Creek Baptist Church
1625 Salt Creek St., Dallas, OR

Falls City
10:30am-Noon
1st Tuesday of every month
Falls City Community Center
130 N. Main St. Falls City, OR

Dallas
10:30am-Noon
1st Wednesday of every month
Neumith Foodshed Center
29 Oak Valley Rd.
Dallas, OR

Coffee & Connect
9:00 am-10:00 am
1st Thursday of every month
Loomis Vtg.
See our website for location
-in-person-

West Valley
1:30pm-3:00pm
1st Thursday of every month
*1st Friday in November
*2nd Friday in November
*at other meetings at community centers
161 W. Washington St., Wilson, OR

Central
10:30am-Noon
2nd Wednesday of every month
The Gate Youth Association
1801 Hornmouth St.
Independence, OR

West Salem
8:30am-10:00am
2nd Friday of every month
*2nd Friday in November
Northwest Human Services
1233 Edgewater St. West Salem
2nd Street Entrance

Have any questions?
Contact the Service Integration Coordinator at
warrenabb@polk.or.us

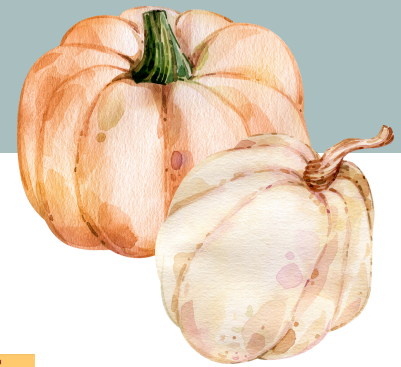
2023-2024 Holidays, County Offices Closed

September 4 - Labor Day	January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
November 10 - Veterans Day (Observed)	February 19 - Presidents Day
November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday	May 27 - Memorial Day
December 25 - Christmas	June 19 - Juneteenth
January 1 - New Year's Holiday	

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

Humanity of Homelessness

by Marianne Bradshaw

An enlightening panel discussion featuring individuals who have overcome homelessness. Free snacks and refreshments will be provided.

For questions, reach out to Marianne Bradshaw at: mpbradshaw503@gmail.com



Click [HERE](#) for flyer

Voices of Youth

by Marianne Bradshaw

The Youth and Young adult subcommittee is conducting a Voices of Youth Survey during the month of October in efforts to shed light and bring awareness to Youth Homelessness in our community. The survey target age range is youth aged 11-24 in the Marion and Polk counties. The survey collects data about current housing status, whether the youth feel it is a safe space, school status, employment status and a few other demographic components. Our hope is to collect data about youth homelessness as our PIT count data significantly underrepresented youth homelessness. We will be sharing our data outcomes with all youth providers and schools for outreach opportunities. This survey will help kick off November's National Runaway Youth month where we plan to share the data collected from the survey. The survey can be completed by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer, on the attached printed copy or by through the following link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf95wHY8vD5WQV8A7JKBh_CRkNWvbEDqj1PjK7lsUGtuDD6VA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Paper forms can be emailed to lmeyer@nwhumanservices.org to be input into the google form for ease in data collection, or if you have the availability to input it yourselves that would be extremely helpful.



Click [HERE](#) for Flyer

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Cherriots Transportation Survey

by Krista Purser

Calling all Marion and Polk County seniors, people experiencing disabilities, caregivers, service providers, and family members! Please take the Coordinated Plan survey to tell us about your transportation needs.

About every four years, the Coordinated Plan Update evaluates transportation funding strategies for seniors and people with disabilities. The results guide funding from the State of Oregon to Cherriots, the funding administrator for services in Marion and Polk counties.

Cherriots is committed to creating community connections and delivering valued mobility options that inspire community pride. Decisions made today on how to invest in transportation options for seniors and people with disabilities will affect the future quality of life for thousands of Marion and Polk County community members.

For questions, reach out to Krista at: kpurser@kittelson.com

CASA Holiday Toy Drive

by Amber Calef

CASA of Polk County, Inc. is hosting a Holiday Toy & Coat Drive for children in the foster care system. The drive begins November 18th and ends on December 17th. We are asking that new Toys & Coats be dropped off at the designated drop-off locations and the CASA office.

CASA of Polk County

580 Main St. Suite D. Dallas, OR 97338

from 9:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday.

For more information please call (503)623-8473 or visit www.casaofpolk.com



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Fostering Hope Initiative is Hiring!

by Miranda Long

Check out the upcoming employment opportunities with the Fostering Hope Initiative. Click [HERE](#) to review the current openings for a Polk/Yamhill County Community Health Worker.

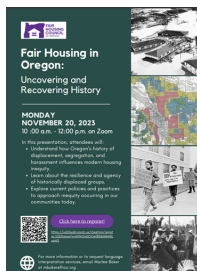
If you have any questions, reach out to Miranda Long at - MLong@ccswv.org

Upcoming: Fair Housing Training

by Marlee Baker

Check out the upcoming fair housing training. Understand how Oregon's history of displacement, segregation, and harassment influences modern housing inequity. Learn about the resilience and agency of historically displaced groups and explore current policies and practices.

Email Marlee for questions at: MBaker@fhco.org



Click [HERE](#) for flyer

Falls City Community Event

by Erubiel Valladares

Join the Rural Initiatives group for an event in Falls City on October 28, at 12pm – 3pm.

This is the second workshop of the visioning event which will focus on prioritizing interests and move to action to make the ideas that come up in Falls City a reality.

For questions, reach out to **Erubiel Valladares** at - evalladares@rdiinc.org

What's YOUR vision for Falls City?

Join us for free lunch!
All ages welcome! Falls City Thrives is hosting two interactive community gatherings where we will share ideas, prioritize interests, and move to action for the future. This is a refresh of the community visioning work started in 2019.

<p>WORKSHOP 1: Saturday, September 30 12:00-3:00 pm <i>Review current vision and goals; identify community assets and new interests.</i></p>	<p>WORKSHOP 2: Saturday, October 28 12:00-3:00 pm <i>Prioritize interests and move to action to make our ideas become reality!</i></p>
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LOCATION:
Falls City Community Center, 320 North Main Street

For more information and to RSVP, please email: fallscitythives@gmail.com

Falls City Thrives

Click [HERE](#) for Flyer

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NEW: drop-in grief support groups - Willamette Vital Health

by Melissa Lindley

Coping with the Holidays

Saturday, November 18 • 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

The holidays can be difficult after a loss. We invite you to connect with others experiencing a loss as you learn together how to navigate the holidays through your individual grief journey. We will honor loved ones through a memorial craft for you to take home. Youth ages 6+ are welcome and will participate in age-appropriate activities separate from adults for part of the event. There is no cost, but please call to register to ensure we have adequate supplies.

Winter Remembrance Concert

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Salem Library's Louck's Auditorium

The Winter Remembrance Concert is a free, family-friendly holiday concert, including music from numerous winter holiday traditions and time to honor our loved ones who have died. We invite all to enjoy the music of the holidays even as we feel the loss of those we miss.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the schedule of grief support and upcoming event flyers



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Upcoming at Bambinos!

by Glenda Dunnawa

15th Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser

Once again, the Lord exceeded our expectations in a BIG way. We raised \$22,365.44 NET. This far surpasses results from previous years and has given us the courage to step forward in a different kind of fundraising next year - we are putting all auctions on hold and will instead focus our attention on building relationships with our current monthly supporters and local businesses and churches.

We wish to thank...

- Diamond Sponsor, Anderson Clan, Inc.
- Platinum Sponsor, Jackson M. Basey Construction
- Platinum Sponsor, Western Interlock
- Gold Sponsor, Dallas Dairy Queen
- Media (Silver) Sponsor, Myerz Media
- Silver Sponsor, Jackson M. Basey Construction
- Silver Sponsor, All Oregon Carpet Cleaning

We also wish to thank our table sponsors, auction item donors and attendees, and volunteers, without whom, none of this would have been possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, December 2 is the Dallas Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony. We have decided to jump in on the fun and will host our first ever Client Christmas party! We are so thankful that thanks to Good360, Main Street Emporium and some diligent volunteers, we have been able to save up Christmas presents for our little clients and we're excited to share in the joy. Our local Dallas Rotary has agreed to wrap the presents (a HUGE help) and Main Street Emporium has agreed to bring Santa in from the North Pole.

But that's not all!

The Pegg and Basey families will be creating a live nativity petting zoo in our parking lot so we can share what Christmas is truly about!

12-2pm - Clients ONLY Christmas party with treats & Live Nativity (FREE for clients)

2-4:45pm - Live Nativity will be open to the public! (Cost of entry is a pack of diapers (size 4 and up or any brand can of formula)

Come join the fun and help us bring in diapers for the coming year!

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Liberty House - Upcoming Training Sessions

by Adrienne Christan & Max Gutfrend

Looking to learn more about digital safety? Explore the digital world through the eyes of young users.

Learn the 3 best practices that you and your young child can implement TODAY!

For more information, visit: IRespectAndProtect.com/training

Support Youth Era

by RJ Pollard

Please consider donating to Youth Era, a youth drop-in center serving Marion and Polk County youth. Youth Era recently suffered a break in that resulted in the theft of many of the items at The Drop.

Click [here](#) to check out the GoFundMe link to support Youth Era.

Please reach out to RJ Pollard with any questions at: jpollard@youthera.org



Click [HERE](#) for the English flyer
Click [HERE](#) for the Spanish flyer



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Royal Order of Red Suspenders Program Update

by Ken Braun

On October 1st the Royal Order of Red Suspenders (RORS) opened to receive requests for free Firewood. RORS will be ready to deliver a 1/2 cord of seasoned firewood to folks who need it to heat their homes but cannot afford to buy it. Unfortunately, we cannot provide your entire winter supply of wood but want to help folks through a tough spot and keep you warm.

AFTER OCT 1st you may request wood by emailing our RORS dispatcher at rorsdispatcher@gmail.com or call/text him at 503-673-3621. Email or texting is preferred. A second 1/2 cord delivery MAY be possible after January 1st depending on demand and our supply of wood.

NEW: Falls City Food & Warmth Boxes

by Mountain Gospel Fellowship

Mountain Gospel Fellowship in Falls City has begun a new project where we will be creating Food & Warmth boxes for anyone who needs them during the upcoming winter months (and beyond?).

The vision is to create and then have on-hand easily-carry-sized boxes containing up to 5-meals of shelf-stable food items and "Konfort Kits" [Wool Sox, Soap, Gloves, Hand warmers, Sanitary Pads, etc].

We are looking for other groups who would like to come along with us on this journey and help us to make as many boxes as possible.

For questions or to support the project, email: mjf.fcpfg.a@gmail.com



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OHA: Funding Opportunities for Community Based Organizations

by Edgar Zarazua

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announces a total of \$10.25 million of flexible funding will be distributed, allowing CBOs to develop work that best addresses the needs of the community within specified program areas. OHA's Community Engagement Team will work with CBOs and programs within the Public Health Division to engage community on long-term public health efforts in the following program areas, rooted in health equity:

- Climate adaptation.
- Communicable disease prevention.
- Public health emergency preparedness.
- Domestic wells."

More information can be found at the [Public Health Equity Grant Application page](#).

Informational Webinars Sessions

- October 16, from 1 - 2 pm [Recording](#).
- October 19, from 4 - 5 pm [Recording](#).
- October 23 from 11a -12 pm [Registration link](#)
- October 25 from 1:30-2:30 pm [Registration link](#)
- October 30 from 1-2 pm [Registration link](#)
- November 7 from 10-11 am [Registration link](#)
- November 8 from 2-3 pm [Registration link](#)
- November 14 from 12 - 1 pm [Registration link](#)

Seminarios web informativos en español

- 19 de Octubre, de 9 - 10 am Grabación.
- 24 de Octubre, de 1:30 - 2:30 pm [Enlace de registro](#)
- 1 de Noviembre, de 10:30 - 11:30 am [Enlace de registro](#)
- 9 de Noviembre, de 2 - 3 pm [Enlace de registro](#)
- 13 de Noviembre, de 4 - 5 pm [Enlace de registro](#)

Grant Technical Assistance Sessions

- November 6 from 11am - 12pm [Registration link](#)
- November 26 from 2 - 3 pm [Registration link](#)

Sesiones de asistencia técnica (TA)

- 15 de Noviembre, de 12 - 1pm [Enlace de registro](#)
- 27 de Noviembre, de 10:30 - 11:30 am [Enlace de registro](#)

Polk CDC: Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Grant

by Melanie Fisher

Check out the bilingual flyer for the Polk CDC Housing Rehabilitation Loan and grant opportunity. Homeowners in need of home repairs that meet the criteria and Limited Medium Income requirements may qualify for a Low Interest Loan or a CDBG Grant. For questions, reach out to Melanie at: mfisher@polkcdc.org



Click [HERE](#) for flyer (English & Spanish)

Click [HERE](#) for flyer with info session information.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health Promotion Classes Open now!

by Karen Smith

Check out the upcoming classes being offered by the Regional Health Promotion and Care Transition team.

For more information, contact Karen Smith at: karen.smith@nwsds.org

National Diabetes Prevention Program: Join us for a virtual class info session on Thursday Oct 26th from 10:00- 11 :00 a.m. The first session will be hosted on Thursday, Nov 2nd from 10- 11 a.m.



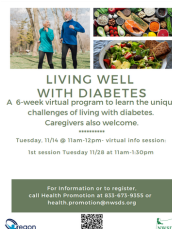
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Living with Chronic Conditions: A 6-week program to learn the unique challenges of living with chronic conditions. Caregivers are also welcome. Starting Nov. 8th 5 : 15 P.M. - 6: 15 P.M.



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Living Well with Diabetes: A 6-week virtual program to learn the unique challenges of living with diabetes. Caregivers also welcome. Starting Nov. 14th a 11:00 - 1:30.



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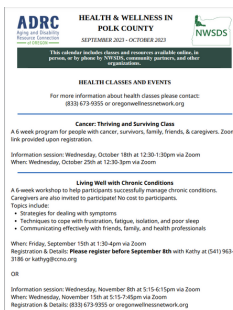


HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ADRC - Health & Wellness

by Samantha Goto

Check out the flyer for September and October health classes and events in Polk County. See the flyer for upcoming events and contact information for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ARDC) of Oregon.



Click [HERE](#) For the flyer.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Northwest Senior and Disability Services Volunteers

by Elijah Friday

Interested in becoming a volunteer, or would like more information? See our **FLYER** or contact us at volunteer@mwsds.org

Monmouth Meal Site Volunteers Needed

by Elijah Friday

Northwest Senior and Disability Services need volunteers! See our **FLYER** to learn how you can serve older adults with disabilities in your areas!

Help Us Serve Meals to Seniors in Need

by Elijah Friday

Help us serve meals to seniors in need! NWSDS is currently looking for volunteers to help prepare, package, serve and deliver food in Yamhill County. For more information please call (503) 843-2000 or see our **FLYER**.

Their Rights, Your Voice

by Julie Maw

Become a Volunteer Certified Ombudsman in your community. Help protect individual rights, enhance quality of life, improve care, and promote dignity for Oregonians living in long term care facilities. Click **HERE** for more information.

CASA Volunteers Needed

by Amber Calif

We are offering a free 8-week training to give you the tools you will need to become a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). The mission of CASA Polk County, Inc. is to recruit, train, guide, and support volunteers appointed by Polk County judges to represent the best interest of abused and neglected children in the judicial dependency system. If you are interested in becoming a CASA and you want to advocate for children in Polk County, please contact us at (503)623-8473 or amber.calef@casaofpolk.com.



Do you want to help.....

“Change a Child’s Story”[®]

Volunteers Needed!

By becoming a volunteer advocate for abused and neglected children in Polk County foster care, you will be able to give a voice to children and youth and speak on their behalf as they go through the court dependency system.

For more information contact:
Amber Calef: amber.calef@casaofpolk.com
CASA Office: casaofpolkcounty@outlook.com
CASA Phone (503) 623-8473

Website:
www.casaofpolk.com

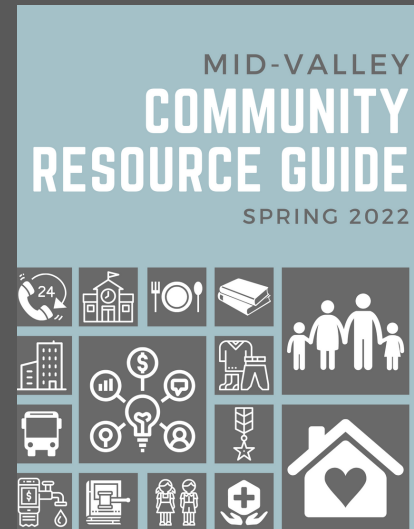
Click **HERE** for flyer

RESOURCES

MID-VALLEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

THE MID-VALLEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE HAS BEEN UPDATED!

PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK TO VIEW AND PRINT THE SPRING 2022 EDITION OF THE RESOURCE GUIDE



211-Info

Connect to health & social service programs. Visit their [website](#), call 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898211, or send an email to help@211info.org.

FREE Funding for a Positive Experience!

Angels in the Outfield: Referrals can be made for children who have been impacted by crime or abuse to support activities that will help a child in recovery. For more information check out their website [HERE](#).

Mid-Valley Resources

Visit [HERE](#) to access over 300 local resources.

Polk Community Free Clinic

Offering FREE medical and mental healthcare for those without insurance. Located in Dallas, Oregon. For more information on their services click [HERE](#).

SANTIAM & YAMHILL SIT

Santiam Canyon Service Integration



The Santiam Service Integration page can be found [HERE](#). For more info, contact SIT coordinator: Kim Dwyer, Santiam Canyon Service Integration Coordinator at 503-769-9319 or kdwyer@santiamhospital.org

Yamhill Service Integration

The Yamhill County Service Integration page can be found [HERE](#).

