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*Our mission is to give pre-school children a head start in school readiness and to cultivate the growth of strong, healthy families.*

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## THE GOALS OF THIS ASSESSMENT

To develop a working document for CCCC and CESD to cooperatively assess the current needs of the Head Start Clientele.

To gather countywide data to use as a guide for further program development.

## PROLOGUE

Every three years the Federal Government requires that all Head Start Programs conduct an extensive community needs assessment. Under Section 1305.3 of **Head Start Program Performance Standards and Other Regulations**, six identified and elaborated program areas are delineated as areas that need to be addressed. These include:

**Demographic makeup of children and families eligible for Head Start including:**

- Estimated number of children
- Geographic location
- Racial and ethnic composition

**Other child development & child care programs serving children eligible for Head Start including:**

- Publicly funded state & local preschool programs
- Approximate number of children eligible for Head Start served by each program

**Estimated number of children with disabilities five years old or younger including:**

- Types of disabilities
- Relevant services and resources provided to these children by community agencies

**Data for children and their families eligible for Head Start regarding:**

- Education
- Health and nutrition
- Social services needs

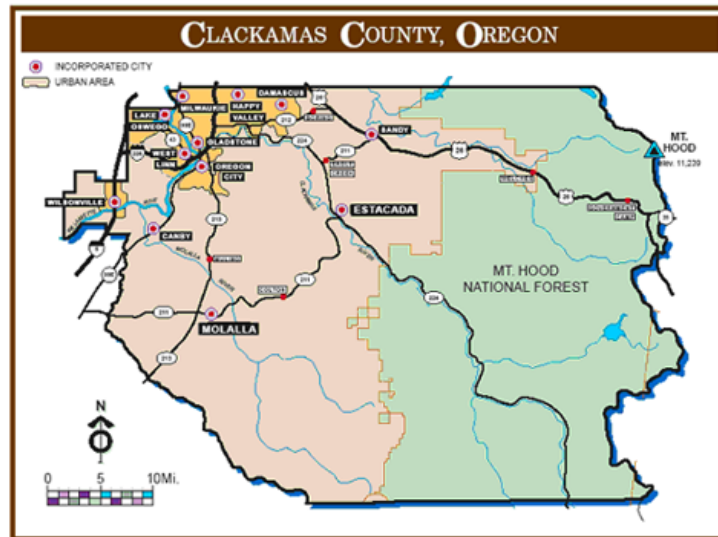
**Education, health & nutrition, and social services needs as defined by:**

- Families of children eligible for Head Start
- Community agencies serving young children

**Community Resources to address needs of children and families eligible for Head Start, including:**

- Availability

## GENERAL SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION



Clackamas County covers approximately 1,879 square miles or 1,206,003 acres and is located in Northwestern Oregon. It is considered the southeast corner of Metropolitan Portland. This rapidly changing community has a unique geographic and demographic mixture of urban, suburban, and rural communities. The majority of the county is comprised of public lands consisting of Federal and State Forest Areas, or is designated for tax-exempt private agricultural, forest, and/or farm usage. However, the "bedroom community" nature of the county is expanding. In 2002, METRO expanded the urban growth boundary in Clackamas County. Rapid growth and urbanization characterize many areas that were formerly considered rural.

The geographic diversity includes the world-famous Mt. Hood Ski slopes, offering year-round skiing and snowboarding. Many natural and man-made mountain lakes, as well as their derivative river systems, provide potent sources of electricity generating capacity and serve as rich fisheries for salmon, sturgeon, trout, etc. These ultimately feed into the Willamette and Columbia rivers, then into the Pacific Ocean. Rich farmlands produce an abundance of crops, which in turn support a large labor market and produce sizeable revenue. Prior to 1994, the county was a world-class producer of timber, harvested from the Mt. Hood National Forest. With the loss of the timber industry, county residents began re-training programs for other industries such as customer service, retail, and health care.

Clackamas County residents have easy access to both the Cascade Mountains and Pacific Ocean Beaches, both of which are less than two hours drive from the area. At the same time, Portland is less than a one-hour commute away, even for those people living in the far southern and eastern parts of the county. For these reasons, the county is an ideal locale for living, working, and playing; hence the surge in growth, change, and development.

Clackamas County is part of METRO, the elected regional government that serves Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington County residents in the Portland Metropolitan area. METRO provides transportation and land-use planning services as part of its government mandate ([www.metro-region.org/](http://www.metro-region.org/)). Over 63% (63.7) of Clackamas County residents work outside of the county, according to Labor Market Information compiled by Lynn Wallis of Workforce Economic Research of Oregon.

Tri-Met, the regional authority for public transportation operates a regional public bus service that serves intra-county needs with 100 bus lines, as well as feeding their expanding 38-mile light rail system (known as MAX). Eighty-eight bus lines connect with MAX at various MAX stations. The [MAX Blue Line](#) runs east and west from Portland and connects the communities of Gresham, Beaverton and Hillsboro. The [MAX Red Line](#) operates between downtown Portland and the Portland International Airport (PDX), with no transfers required. The federal government approved a \$557-million expansion of Portland's light rail south to Clackamas Town Center. In 2006, construction activity began on I-205/Portland Mall MAX Light Rail project and on Washington County Commuter Rail, the first suburb-to-suburb commuter rail line in the country. A new Streetcar extension opened to provide service to the South Waterfront area (Gibbs). This project is expected to be completed by September 2009.

The northwest portion of Clackamas County lies in the shadow of Greater Portland and Washington County urban centers. This area continues to rapidly develop as a major suburban sector of the Portland Metropolitan Area. There is a strong transportation network, I-84 freeway (East-West) crosses the county and intersects with Interstate 5 (North-South) at a point just a few miles north of Clackamas County's northwest boundary with its neighbor, Multnomah County, and ties the area to the rest of the Pacific Northwest and to Canada and Mexico.

Portland International Airport (PDX) is located approximately five miles north of this major freeway intersection. PDX has non-stop and direct flight services to Canada, Europe and Mexico. The Port of Portland estimates that by the year 2020, PDX will be serving 27 million passengers per year.

The above-cited data on Portland's world-class airport facility contrasts sharply with the Northwest Clackamas County community of **Estacada**. This small town of 9,634<sup>1</sup> residents lies just 30 miles east of the I-205 corridor and the Portland city limits. Formerly driven by the timber industry, Estacada is still home to the Clackamas River Ranger District; the management arm of the Mt. Hood National Forest. It is now promoted in Metropolitan Portland real estate and banking services' advertisements as a Portland bedroom community. Additionally, the Estacada School District is a designated Title I District. Major employers include Estacada Lumber, Cascade Utilities, Inc. and True Value Hardware.

Estacada is the last Western Oregon municipality reached while traveling East on Highway 224; the next municipalities are Detroit Lake, Sisters and Bend, which are located more than 100 miles east of Estacada in what is considered Eastern Oregon, on the other side of the Cascade Mountains.

The far Eastern portion of the County includes the town of **Sandy**, a small community of 13,635<sup>1</sup>. Sandy sits on Highway 26 with stunning views of Mt. Hood and the Sandy River. The surrounding area is home to some of the largest nursery growers in the state. The city's industrial base is expanding and major employers include Oregon Trail School District, Safeway Stores, US Metal Works, Suburban Rod and Fred Meyer. It is within one-half hour of year-round downhill skiing at Timberline Ski Resort and other recreational activities in the Mt. Hood National forest.

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<sup>1</sup> Portland State University, 2008 Population Estimates; [http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu/prc/files/media\\_assets/PopRpt08c2.pdf](http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu/prc/files/media_assets/PopRpt08c2.pdf)

The South-Southwest portion of the County is experiencing rapid growth and urbanization: the City of **Wilsonville** is a relatively new city of 15,880<sup>2</sup> and is a major employment center in the region. It is home to corporate headquarters of major companies such as Hollywood Video, Mentor Graphics, Sysco, Food Services of Portland, Precision Interconnect Corp., and InFocus Corporation. It is the only city in the county that has more jobs than population. Much of its population lives in Charbonneau, a large upper middle class development with a 27-hole golf course.

**Clackamas Industrial Area** – This 2,000 acre industrial center is the largest market location for manufacturing, distribution and warehousing firms. Many metals fabricators and other industrial support services and suppliers are located here. Major employers include US Reddaway, Clean-Pak International, Tree of Life/Gourmet Foods Northwest, Consolidated Metco Inc., and Ingram Entertainment. There are many industrial and business parks that accommodate smaller firms and offer space for lease. The area has excellent transportation access via I-205, Highways 212 and 224 and Southern Pacific rail spurs. Area amenities include the 18-hole Sah-Ha-Lee Golf course, numerous restaurants, a nearby commercial district and a community park with access to the Clackamas River.

**Clackamas Town Center Area** – This regional business center is a primary market area for retail, Class A office/hotel and multi-family development. Major developments include the 1.2 million square foot Clackamas Town Center Mall, Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center (and several health clinics), Oregon Institute of Technology and Clackamas Community College. Convenient transportation access is provided by I-205 and nearby Highways 224 and 212. The Mall is a regional transit center and light rail is planned for regional employers, including Clackamas Town Center, Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center and ADP Dealer Services Inc. There are 94,000 residents within a ten mile radius with an estimated average income of \$47,040.

**Gladstone** is an established community of 12,073<sup>2</sup>. Residents are particularly proud of their schools, excellent park system and friendly small town atmosphere. Gladstone is located north of Oregon City at the confluence of the Willamette and Clackamas River. The community offers excellent access to employment, shopping and recreational activity. Major employers include the Gladstone School District, Thomason Auto Group, Clackamas Rehabilitation & Specialty Care and McCafferty-Whittle Construction.<sup>3</sup>

**Happy Valley** is an executive residential community of 6,370<sup>2</sup> located on and around Mt. Scott. It has been the fastest growing community in the county (a 67% increase since 1990) and has the highest median household income (\$93,130 in 2000). With the economic downturn of 2009, Happy Valley's housing market was hit particularly hard by foreclosures. In May of 2009, the entire city of Happy Valley hosted an Open House in effort to stimulate home buying in their community. The scenic community is close to I-205 and the booming Clackamas Town Center Area.

**City of Damascus** – Incorporated in 2004, Damascus is Clackamas County's newest city with a population of 9,975<sup>2</sup>. It was brought into the urban growth boundary of the metropolitan Portland area in 2002.

**Lake Oswego** and **Lake Grove** have a combined population of, 42,850<sup>2</sup>. Lake Oswego is located on I-5 and State Highway 43; only minutes to downtown Portland and employment centers in Washington County. It is home to many of Portland's business leaders and professionals. The town is spread over

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<sup>2</sup> Portland State University, 2008 Population Estimates; [http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.pr/files/media\\_assets/PopRpt08c2.pdf](http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.pr/files/media_assets/PopRpt08c2.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Oregon Economic and Community Development Center; <http://info.econ.state.or.us:591/FMPro?-db=Community.fp4&-Format=forms.htm&-lay=webpage&-op=eq&sort%20name=Gladstone&-Find>

rolling wooded hills and surrounds a large lake. The prestigious Kruse Way area is a prime corporate headquarters location with 863,618 square feet of office space. It is the largest office space concentration in the county. Major Lake Oswego employers include Lake Oswego School District, Gage industries, PacifiCare of Oregon, Guidance Medical Personnel and Safeco.

**Milwaukie** has 34,848<sup>4</sup> residents. It is a well established, middle income community with a large industrial base along Highway 224 and highway 99E. Major employers include Blount Inc-Oregon Cutting Systems Division, United Western Grocers, OECO Corporation, Warn Industries and Providence Milwaukie Hospital. The community is conveniently located only five miles from downtown Portland along Highway 99E. It is also close to I-205, the Clackamas Town Center and convenient to the Portland airport. Light rail service is planned through the city's downtown and along Highway 224.

**Molalla** and **Mulino** are small communities of 15,598<sup>4</sup> in the foothills of the Cascade Range and a gateway to Mt. Hood. Molalla has added a new shopping mall. Fred Meyer opened its key store in the new Canby Center in February 2000. Molalla, Mulino, and Canby have sizeable, established and growing upscale housing developments. Molalla is also the site of a manufactured housing development, and both Molalla and Canby have industrial parks with established businesses and light industries.

**Canby** had an estimated population of 15,165<sup>4</sup> residents in 2008. This city has grown 66% from 1980 to 2008 with an increase of 6,050 residents.<sup>5</sup> Canby is home of the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. The historic Canby Ferry provides year-round transportation across the Willamette River (river conditions permitting) between Canby and Wilsonville.

**Oregon City** is the oldest city west of the Mississippi River, located at the "End of the Oregon Trail." It is rich in museums, historic homes and buildings. Oregon City is the county seat and home to Clackamas Community College and Willamette Falls Hospital. Residents number 30,405<sup>6</sup>. Located at the confluence of the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers, the town is strategically situated near I-205 and State Highways 99E and 213. Major employers include Clackamas County Government, Clackamas Community College, Willamette Falls Hospital, Blue Heron Paper Co., Miles Fiberglass & Composition and Home Depot Inc.

**West Linn** is a residential community of 24,400.<sup>4</sup> The city overlooks the Willamette and Tualatin Rivers with scenic views of Mt. Hood. It has good access via Highway 43 and I-205 to Oregon City, Tualatin and Lake Oswego. Major employers include West Linn Paper Co., SmithKline Beecham, Regional Telephone Directory, and Pediatric Services of America. West Linn has become a prestigious upper-middle income city that attracts small businesses and professionals. There are limited commercial and industrial opportunities.

Clackamas County communities are widely diverse, ranging from small rural towns with their Title I designated school districts to some of the most affluent communities in the Portland Metropolitan area. A distinctive characteristic, often noted about county residents, is that many still maintain strong identification with their communities, and do not regard themselves as part of Portland even though 57% of the residents work outside of the county.

Demographically, Clackamas County is the state's third largest county. It is estimated that on July 1, 2008, residency totaled 376,660<sup>4</sup>. This is a growth of 8,190, or 2%, since 2005.

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<sup>4</sup> Portland State University, 2008 Population Estimates; [http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu/prc/files/media\\_assets/PopRpt08c2.pdf](http://www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu/prc/files/media_assets/PopRpt08c2.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Growth of Canby, OR as of 2000. <http://www.ersys.com/usa/41/4110750/growth.htm>

## POPULATION OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY CITIES

City	Population Count
Barlow	140
Canby	15,165
Damascus	9,975
Estacada	2,820
Gladstone	12,215
Happy Valley	11,455
Johnson City	675
Lake Oswego (part)*	34,255
Milwaukie	20,915
Molalla	7,590
Oregon City	30,405
Portland (part)*	804
Rivergrove (part)*	315
Sandy	8,005
Tualatin (part)*	3,065
West Linn	24,400
Wilsonville (part)*	16,285
Unincorporated	178,176
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>376,660</b>

Table: County data source: Population Research Center June 2006

According to the State of Oregon Employment Department's Biannual Regional Economic Profile (<http://www.olmis.org/pubs/rep/2002/htm/15/rep15.html>) for 2002, it is estimated that the county's population will meet or exceed 649,000 residents by the year 2040; a growth of 92.1%, which compares to a projected 52.5% statewide growth. This is mainly attributed to the county's perceived high quality of life and proximity to the region's economic center.

## HISPANIC POPULATION

The table below illustrates the growing Hispanic population in Clackamas County. The Hispanic population growth rate is higher in Clackamas County than in Multnomah (56% Hispanic population growth rate) and Washington (62% Hispanic population growth rate) Counties.

<b>Clackamas County Hispanic Growth</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Total Growth</b>	<b>Growth Rate</b>
Hispanic Total	16,744	27,768	11,024	66%
Total age 0-19	7,014	11,322	4,308	61%
Total age 20 and up	9,730	16,446	6,716	69%
White Total*	302,737	324,320	21,583	7%
Total age 0-19	82,981	73,245	-9,736	-12%
Total age 20 and up	219,756	251,075	31,319	14%

Table Source: US Census \* Non-Hispanic White

## MIGRANT POPULATION

<b>Clackamas County Hispanic Growth</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Canby	506	469	435
Estacada	32	7	4
Gladstone	0	0	3
Molalla River	240	213	194
North Clackamas	27	8	10
Oregon City	42	44	42
Oregon Trail	69	72	63
WLWV	31	24	19
TOTAL	947	837	770

## HOMELESSNESS IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY:

In January 2009, an effort was made by the Clackamas Coordinating Council for the Homeless to count homeless people in the county. The results of that effort indicate that there are 3,614 homeless people in the county. Of those 3,614 homeless people, 1,530 (42%) were children and 2,084 (58%) were adults. There were 662 families with children, 132 unaccompanied youth and 10% of those surveyed were Veterans.

The majority (51%) of all homeless families are single-parent households. Mental health issues affect 1 in 6 (16%) homeless families. Many (54%) homeless people reported having used or needing assistance with substance abuse. Domestic violence (36%) and disabling conditions (33%) contribute to the risk factors of homelessness.

When asked what a person needs to get out of homelessness, money to help pay rent (55%), help getting a job (52%), money to help pay rent deposit (49%), food (40%) and medical care (39%) were mentioned.

There is a 10 year plan to address homelessness and an increase in volunteer interest and support with the homeless issue, the addition of native Spanish speaking volunteers has expanded the engagement of the currently homeless. For more information contact: Liz Bartell, Clackamas County Social Services Division, [lizbar@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:lizbar@co.clackamas.or.us).

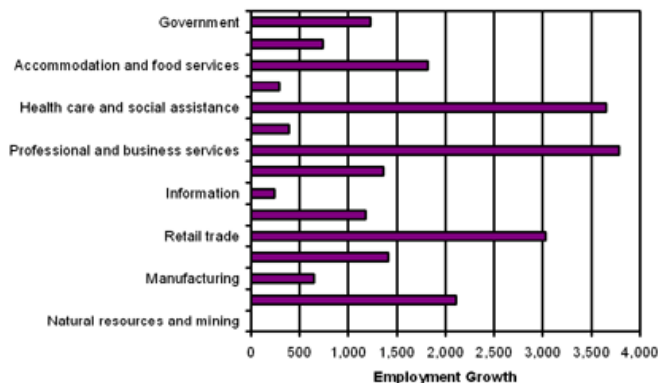
**The Future of Clackamas County**

Clackamas County, like the state of Oregon as a whole, must adapt to changing conditions and prepare future generations for the jobs and industries of the future while carrying on the traditions that have made our communities strong. The funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 may provide an opportunity to make investments in essential and expanded services that will benefit the health and well being of the citizens of Clackamas County.<sup>6</sup> Clackamas County is aggressively seeking American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds to provide essential and expanded services to the citizens of the county.<sup>7</sup>

**Employment Trends**

The county’s 12,670 businesses offered about 150,231 jobs in the second quarter of 2007. The largest broad industry growth came from government (+1,132), construction (+934), retail trade (+839), professional and business services (+543), and finance and insurance (+495). There was also growth in wholesale trade (+437), transportation, warehousing and utilities (+397), accommodations and food services (+363), natural resources and mining (+232), health and social assistance (+214), and real estate, rental and leasing (+173). In contrast, there was minimal employment loss in manufacturing (-69), information (-51) and arts, entertainment, and recreation (-15).

**Projected Employment Growth by Broad Industry, Clackamas County, 2004-14**



Industry employment in the county is expected to grow by 16.3 percent between 2004 and 2014 resulting in the creation of almost 22,000 jobs. The main industry leaders will be in the professional and business services, health care and social assistance, retail trade, construction, and accommodation and food services. Those industries are expected to add 14,340 jobs from 2004-2014.

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/recovery/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/recovery/>

The county's agricultural base continues to grow and develop in seed and crop farming, nursery production and especially in the production of Christmas trees. The county is a major exporter of agricultural products both nationally and internationally. One example can be seen in the wide distribution of Christmas trees grown in Clackamas County and shipped to virtually every state in the United States as well as many foreign countries.

Clackamas County has become and continues to grow as a world-class player in the globally competitive market of electronics, software, technology, and information services. At the same time, the county continues to redefine and enhance the roles that agriculture and tourism have traditionally played in its economy. However, the federally designated poverty rate for Clackamas County's 368,470 residents is 6.6% compared to the State's poverty rate of 13.9%. According to Children First for Oregon (2005), the childhood poverty rate for the 10,832 children in Clackamas County is 11.9% compared to the State's childhood poverty rate of 19.1%.

The areas where one could expect to find entry level or minimum wage positions are found in the Trades (Retail and Wholesale), Services, and farm workers. This is bringing a new diversity to the county as it grows and develops its global perspective while experiencing notable changes in population diversity, concentrations, and economic status. These sectors may also be the source of many of the minimum wage jobs that support families eligible for Head Start services.

### **Unemployment Claims**

Clackamas County's unemployment dropped to 5.1% in 2008 and then increased to 11.1% in March, 2009. The unemployment rate has risen rapidly and substantially over the past year. This is the highest unemployment rate since Oregon's record keeping started in 1947.<sup>8</sup>

### **RECENT BUSINESS ACTIVITY (IN OR AROUND CLACKAMAS COUNTY)**

- Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has announced that having completed the first solar highway project in the nation at the I-5/I-205 interchange, Oregon now looks to build the largest solar highway project in the world – one that would exceed a 2.8 megawatt project announced recently for Germany. A "solar highway" generates electricity from solar panels during the day to power highway lighting at night. The unused ODOT rest area off of I-205 in West Linn is one potential site under consideration for "the world's largest solar highway project."<sup>9</sup>
- Earlier this month, the Governor announced the award of \$27.8 million in federal stimulus funds to leverage a total of \$45.2 million worth of safe drinking water system improvements in 18 Oregon communities. Most importantly, [the projects](#) are expected to directly create more than 500 jobs.<sup>9</sup>
- The federal government approved a \$557 million expansion of Portland's light rail south to Clackamas Town Center. Another \$117 million is approved for a commuter rail line from Beaverton to Wilsonville in Washington County. Both projects are in the final design stage.
- Thanks to OECD staff Mark Brady who led the state effort to put together the first "Oregon Way" stimulus funding request. The request, made to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), will support the deployment of electric vehicles and charging stations here in Oregon. We have made a \$14.95 million request to the DOE and have agreed to supply a \$19.8 million local match for the proposed \$34.75 million project. The hope is that installation of the charging stations and vehicle purchases could begin as early as October.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmisj/OlmisZine>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us>

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Firm Name	SIC / Description	Emp.	Local Address	City/State/Zip
Legacy Meridian Park Hospital	General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	500+	19300 SW 65th Ave.	Tualatin, OR 97062-7706
Hollywood Entertainment Corp	Video Tape Rental	500+	9275 SW Peyton Ln.	Wilsonville, OR 97070-9200
Affiliated Computer Services Inc	Business Services Nec	500+	7303 SE Lake Rd.	Milwaukie, OR 97267-2111
Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center	General Medical And Surgical Hospitals	500+	10180 SE Sunnyside Rd.	Clackamas, OR 97015-8970
Unified Western Grocers	Local Trucking Without Storage	500+	P.O. Box 22187	Milwaukie, OR 97269-2187
Willamette Falls Hospital	General Medical And Surgical Hospitals	500+	1500 Division St.	Oregon City, OR 97045-1527
Tyco	Nonferrous Wire Drawing And Insulating	500+	10025 SW Freeman Ct.	Wilsonville, OR 97070-9289
Blount Inc-Oregon Cutting Systems	Hand Saws And Saw Blades	500+	P.O. Box 22127	P.O. Box 22127
Tree Of Life NW	Groceries General Line	500+	P.O. Box 919	Clackamas, OR 97015-0919
Mentor Graphics Corp	Prepackaged Software	500+	8005 SW Boeckman Rd.	Wilsonville, OR 97070-9733
InFocus Corporation	Photographic E50 TO 99 uipment And Supplies	500+	27700 SW Parkway Ave #B	Wilsonville, OR 97070-8238
Xerox Corp	Commercial Printing Nec	500+	P.O. Box 1000	Wilsonville, OR 97070-1000
Moorhouse Farms Inc	General Farms Primarily Crop	500+	13963 S Vick Rd.	Molalla, OR 97038-7514
J Frank Schmidt & Son Co	Flowers Nursery Stock & Florists Supplies	500+	P.O. Box 189	Boring, OR 97009-0189
Warn Industries Inc	Motor Vehicle Parts And Accessories	500+	13270 SE Pheasant Ct.	Milwaukie, OR 97222-1277

## HEAD START IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Head Start Services are provided and managed in Clackamas County by the three organizations presented below. Their work also includes collaborative efforts with other community agencies named in Section 3.

1. Clackamas Education Service District (CCESD)- Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten Program (OHSPP) State funded only  
Serves 175 OHSPP students in 15 locations
  - a. Is headquartered in the Milwaukie area of Clackamas County.

- b. Has provided comprehensive services in a combination model for 20 years partnering with existing private and public preschool providers.
- 2. Clackamas County Children's Commission (CCCC)
  - Serves 572 students in six (6) centers throughout the county
  - a. Is headquartered on the campus of Marylhurst University.
  - b. In operation for 37 years providing combination model services to 3-5 year olds.
- 3. Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, Region 10 - Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) - Multnomah County:
  - As of 2/09, OCDC serves 18 children eligible for migrant services Clackamas County were served at their Gresham location
  - a. OCDC is the Federal Migrant Head Start Grantee for the State of Oregon.
  - b. Families must meet the following additional Federal Migrant Head Start eligibility requirements including:
    - i. Work must be agricultural.
    - ii. Work must account for at least 51% of income source.
    - iii. The children are ages 3 and 4.

### **CLACKAMAS ESD OREGON HEAD START PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM (OHSPP):**

Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten provides comprehensive services for 175 of Clackamas County's families that live in poverty who have a preschool-age child, either 3 or 4 years old. OHSPP's service delivery model includes partnering with local, community preschools found in the families' neighborhood. Along with the preschool experience for the child, the family is supported through home visits and offered comprehensive educational, nutritional, health and social services. The program follows all of the Federal Head Start guidelines and standards even though it is funded only with state funds.

### **CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHILDREN'S COMMISSION HEAD START**

Head Start of Clackamas County provides preschool and comprehensive social services to low-income 3 and 4 year old children and their families at no cost.

Children will receive a balanced educational experience, including language and literacy, math, science, and creative arts. CCCCHS focuses on helping children develop a respect for self and others, and on learning to socialize, make choices, exercise problem-solving skills, and develop an appreciation for differences. CCCCHS supports parents in their role as the child's first and most important teacher. CCCCHS will work with parents to develop an individualized educational plan for their child.

Parents will receive home visits from our family service and teaching staff. Families will also receive information and referral, crisis intervention, advocacy, and mental health services. CCCCHS staff will work with your family to support you in reaching your goals and locating resources which meet your needs.

## OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START (OCDC)

OCDC's Migrant/Seasonal Head Start is a federal program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children of migrant and seasonal farm workers through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services. OCDC serves children age birth – to kindergarten from families of low income. Family income must be at or below the Federal poverty guidelines and at least 51% of the family income must come from agricultural work.

The Mulino community will be the new Clackamas County site for OCDC serving families thru the summer migrant season (full day services, June thru early Sept.). The new site is just north of Mulino. It has a house on it that may be converted to classroom space in the future.

OCDC offers 2 program 'types': Migrant families have priority status and can be in any of the following programs.

- a. **Long term (Seasonal)**; usually serving families defined as 'seasonal':  
Jan – May: Session 1  
Sept.-Dec: Session 2
- b. **Short term (Migrant)**: Program operates for 12 weeks from June to the first week(s) of Sept.

### **Classroom configuration:**

OCDC has 5 preschool classrooms in Gresham along with 1 infant and 1 toddler class. Families can often obtain services for the preschool age child but the infant and toddler rooms are popular and have a long wait list. Child care, offered at OCDC, can extend to as much as 12 hours a day to accommodate the migrant and seasonal family schedule.

## CONCLUSIONS

This introduction has presented a comprehensive summary of Clackamas County, with special attention paid to those factors impacting the Head Start community with the goal of providing a background to help the reader better understand:

- The existing resources within Clackamas County
- The importance of reflection on the diverse needs of parents and children eligible for Head Start services in our county
- The need for long-term planning in order to meet growing and changing community needs
- The need to maintain cost-effective programs in an era of growing resource demand coupled with reductions in revenues

## SECTION 1 - DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

In this section, the following information will be addressed:

Demographic make-up of children and families eligible for Head Start Services including:

- Estimated number of children
- Racial/Ethnic composition and geographical location
- Economic and education status of families eligible for Head Start Services

### ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHILDREN

The following table provides data showing the total population of Clackamas County as well as the total number of children aged 0-5. This forms the pool for all further comparisons and projections.

Census Information

- Information compiled by the Oregon Department of Education, Office of Student Services, Early Childhood Section 2009

<b>Population Base – Clackamas County, Oregon 2008</b> <b>Source: Oregon Department of Education, Office of Student Learning Partnerships 2009</b>			
<b>Group</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3 &amp; 4 year-old Children Eligible for Early Education</b>	<b>Children <u>not</u> served</b>
Clackamas County Residents	376,600	3434	2686 (78%)
Children aged 0-2 in Clackamas County	2,529	2093	2092 (99.9%)
Children aged 3-4 in Clackamas County	9,968	1341	594 (44%)

Currently, Head Start services are not provided to children ages 0-2 in Clackamas County.

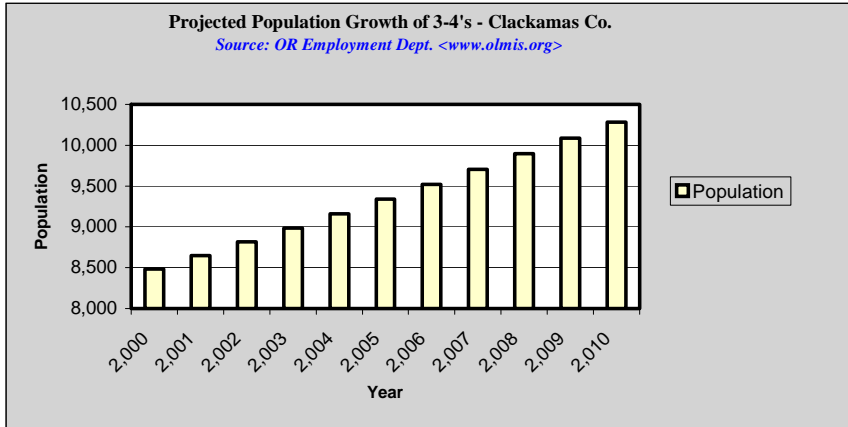
**CCCCHS OHSP PLACEMENT SITES AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2008/2009:**

<b>Clackamas County Children's Commission Head Start                      2008-09 School Year                      Student Population of 3 to 4 Year-olds Served                      Source: CCC Head Start – Student Locations and Ethnicity 2008-2009</b>	
<b>The Six CCC Locations</b>	<b>Total Number of Students</b>
Barlow	121
Clackamas Community College	72
River Road	140
Oregon City	110
Sandy Ridge	57
Gladstone	72
<b>Total Number of Students</b>	<b>572</b>

<b>OHSP Placement Sites and Student Enrollment 2008/2009 Count:</b>		
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Children</b>
Boeckman Creek	Wilsonville	3
Boones Ferry Preschool	West Linn	3
Building Blocks	Canby	12
Cedarok Park Primary	West Linn	2
Town Center Preschool	Wilsonville	14
Early Learning Center	Milwaukie	11
Early Horizons	Molalla	4
Lil' Cubs Academy	Sandy	16
Logus Road Preschool	Milwaukie	25
MECC	Oregon City	25
Mt. Hood Co-Op	Welches	3
Red Barn Co-Op	Estacada	8
Sweet Pea	Gladstone	12
Sweet Pea	Milwaukie	24
Trost Elementary	Canby	16
<b>Total Number of students</b>		<b>178</b>

OHSPP has increased their enrollment by 45 children or 32% since the 2006 Community Assessment and CCCCHS increased enrollment by 16% or 77 children. However, the waiting list continues to grow even more substantially. Over 525 (57% increase from 2006) income eligible 3-4 year old children are on CCCCHS's 2009-10 waiting list and over 204 eligible 3-4 year old children are on OHSPP's 2009-10 waiting list.

In addition, it is estimated that there are approximately 2,092 - 0 to 3-year-old Clackamas County children who are eligible for Early Head Start, which is not available in Clackamas County.



**RACIAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITIONS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS**

The most recent racial/ethnic data available for Clackamas County was released by the U.S. Census Bureau, in the 2005-2007 American Community Survey.<sup>10</sup> The data includes the following:

<sup>10</sup> 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates  
[http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ACSSAFFacts?\\_event=Search&geo\\_id=&geoContext=&street=&county=clackamas&cityTown=clackamas&state=&zip=&lang=en&sse=on&ptxt=fph&pgsl=010](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ACSSAFFacts?_event=Search&geo_id=&geoContext=&street=&county=clackamas&cityTown=clackamas&state=&zip=&lang=en&sse=on&ptxt=fph&pgsl=010)

Race/Ethnicity within Clackamas County	Population %
White	90.3%
Black	0.8%
Native America/Indian	0.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.4%
Hispanic	6.8%
Other	1.4%

However, the demographics of our preschools during the 2008-09 school year were as follows:

Race/Ethnicity within our pre-schools	Population % in CCCCHS	Population % in OHSP
African American/Black	4.2% (24)	4.2% (9)
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1.0% (6)	2.3% (5)
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	2.6% (15)	2.3% (5)
Hispanic	45.1% (258)	45.5% (97)
White	40.7% (233)	43.6% (93)
Multi-Racial/Bi-Racial	1.7% (10)	1.9% (4)
No Response	4.5% (26)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>213</b>

### EDUCATION STATUS OF HEAD START FAMILIES

The children served and on the waiting list for CCCCHS and their families provide a representative sample of education levels in the county.

The following table reflects information about parents' education levels provided by the responsible party at the time of recruitment during the 2008-2009 school years.

**Number of Years of Education – Families (572 Families Enrolled)**  
**Source: Clackamas County Children's Commission Database: June 2009**

<b>Number of Years Completed</b>	<b>Number of Mothers</b>	<b>Percentage of Mothers</b>	<b>Number of Fathers</b>	<b>Percentage of Fathers</b>
Less than 12	226	40%	198	35%
12 Years	239	42%	79	14%
Some College	61	11%	23	4%
College Graduate	35	6%	28	5%

**CONCLUSIONS**

1. The number of families living in poverty with preschool age children that are NOT served by a Head Start Program is noteworthy. The county's statistics, below, offer some insight into this unserved population. . These include:
  - a. As of January, 2009 CCCC Head Start's wait list reflected 525 income eligible 3-4 year old children. There were over 204 eligible 3-4 year old children on OHSP's waiting list as of January 2009..
2. At present, Early Head Start does not exist for the estimated 1,195 birth to 3 year olds and their families in the County. OCDC offers a Seasonal and Migrant Head Start program that can include the infant and toddlers of a family served, but spaces in the infant/toddler rooms are extremely limited and under 50 county residents receive services from OCDC in this past year
3. The number of enrolled Head Start students from the Hispanic population is growing. CCCC Head Start's Hispanic population from the 08-09 school year is up to 46% , a 1%increase from 3 years ago OHSP's total Hispanic population in the school year 08-09 is 46% up 6% from 3 years ago.
4. Parents of Head Start students were surveyed in 08-09 regarding their educational levels. Within the CCCC Head Start's enrollment of 572. 40% of the Mothers and 35% of the Fathers have below a 12th grade education.
5. It is estimated that 26% of families/children living in poverty, in Clackamas County, are unserved due to insufficient funding of Head Start programs.

## SECTION 2 – OTHER CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CHILD CARE PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR HEAD START

### Child Care Resource and Referral Healthy Start

In this section, the following will be addressed:

- **Public, state & local preschool programs**
- **County-wide programs serving the young child**
- **Parent support and education opportunities**

### CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL:

The Child Care Resource and Referral service seeks to provide information and support to families looking for child care, to providers wanting to improve their skills and to employers to enhance workforce stability. The service maintains a data base of child care providers in the county, provides referrals to Parents of child care providers matching the Parent's criteria, helps Parents with resources to reduce the cost of child care and offers training to providers on topics of interest. A few members of the CCRR team are focused on finding child care options for the child with special needs or improving a child care setting so that the needs of children are more immediately met.

In April of 2009, the Child Care Resource and Referral databases were used to identify child development and child care programs that are serving or could potentially serve children eligible for Head Start in Clackamas County. Child care is regulated by the Child Care division of the State Employment Department. The types of regulated child care in Oregon are:

1. **Certified Child Care Centers:** In a facility that has met zoning occupancy and building code requirements; often this is a commercial building. Maximum number of children depends on square footage of the building, number of qualified staff, and other various factors. Certified child care centers must annually be inspected and approved by the Fire Department, Department of Human Services, and Child Care Division prior to children being in care.
2. **Certified Family Child Care:** In home child care for up to 16 children – some age restrictions apply. Certified family child care facilities must renew their license every year. License requirements include but are not limited to: Pediatric CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid certification, a home inspection completed by Child Care division staff, rolling criminal history check, Food Handler's card, and certification in Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect. Certified Family child care is strictly monitored by the Child Care Division.
3. **Registered Family Child Care:** In home care for up to 10 children – some age restrictions apply. Registered Family child cares must renew their license every other year. License requirements include but are not limited to: Pediatric CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid certification, a home inspection completed by Child Care division staff, rolling criminal history check, Food

Handler's card, and certification in Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect. Registered Family child care is strictly monitored by the Child Care Division.

4. **Exempt Family Child Care:** Exempt Family child care providers can care for up to 3 children at one time (or more than three as long as all the children are siblings) and are not required to go through any licensing procedure. They are not monitored by the Child Care Division.

#### **PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED THAT DO NOT FALL INTO THE ABOVE LISTINGS:**

- Preschool programs (4 hours or less/day) are exempt from regulation.
- Before and After School programs that are within a school are exempt from regulation.

According to Child Care Resource and Referral at Clackamas ESD, the following childcare resources are available in Clackamas County.

- Number of registered active Family Childcare Providers: 322; up 31% from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children under age 2: 268; up 35% from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children ages 2-K: 277; up 30% from the 06 assessment
  
- Number of active Certified Family Child Care Providers: 16; up 33% from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children under age 2: 11; up 36% from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children ages 2-K: 14; up 75% from the 06 assessment
  
- Number of active Exempt Family Child Care Providers: 146; up 57% from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children under age 2: 72; no change from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children ages 2-K: 77; no change from the 06 assessment
  
- Number of active Certified Centers, Preschools, and School Age Programs (not including Head Starts): 131; up 11% from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children under age 2: 55; up 86% from the 06 assessment
- Number of above serving children ages 2-K: 120; up 300% from the 06 assessment

#### **CHANGES TO CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION SINCE 2006:**

With the 2007 investment made by the legislature in the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program, the parent co-pay was reduced by an average of 20% and the income limit to qualify was raised from 150% to 185% of the Federal poverty level. Provider reimbursements were raised from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile making it more feasible for a provider to earn a living.

The positive impact of these changes is reflected in the 2008 Child Care Market Price Study that found that current DHS reimbursement rates have greatly improved families' access to affordable quality care. These families have gone from having access to only 26% of the child care market options to 68%. This is a clear indication that it has become easier to find care that fits a families' work schedule and ability to pay.

Family, friends and neighbors (FFN) are often used to care for children while parents work. DHS is now offering family, friend and neighbor provider's stipends to attend trainings. CCR&R staff help the family, friend or neighbor qualify for the DHS enhanced child care rate. Mentoring opportunities are being offered and providers are gathering on a regular basis to network with each other, receive training and encouragement to continue caring for children. The effort is increasing provider's education, establishing a positive relationship with DHS and the FFN provider, and encouraging the provider to use resources within the community such as USDA.

#### **CHALLENGES OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION:**

**Affordability:** Oregon's Affordable child care benchmark is defined as a family spending less than 10% of its household income on child care. Families of low income spent about a quarter of their income on child care, with single parents spending closer to one-third.

**Compensation:** Early childhood care is a low-wage business. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found child care workers averaging \$9.46 per hour and \$19,670 per year in 2007. In addition, most child care providers do not receive any health or dental benefits. As a result of poor compensation, staff turnover is often high making healthy relationships difficult for the young child.

**Access:** There are not enough child care slots to accommodate the need for infant and toddler care. In addition, a family may only have public transportation to rely on resulting in very few options for child care especially for the infant and toddler groups. Children with special needs may also experience barriers in accessing child care, not only because of issues of poverty or having no transportation, but because providers feel unable to meet the needs of the child.

**Training:** Research has proven that quality early childhood education and care depends on an educated work force to do their jobs effectively. Continuing education at higher and higher levels results in better child care and education and outcomes for children. The challenge is to link professional development with a greater earning potential for the providers. Another challenge is to link community-based training to college credits so that providers can move from trainings in the community to completing courses at a University. In 2008-09, 1,000 folks attended the CCRR trainings that are linked to the Oregon Registry and CDA training.

This past year, the CCRR service began 3 child care networks – Inclusive child care, Providers that speak Spanish and a network of Providers that speak Russian. The network groups met 1x a month to support each other, train on a focused topic, share resources and receive an incentive for attending. These have been very successful in that the attendance remained strong throughout the year, participants want to continue the group, providers reported learning more and feeling more confident in their skills as a provider.

**Sustainability:** The economic recession’s impact on Oregon’s state budget has been significant particularly for the CCR&R system in the state. Funding for these services are threatened not only through the DHS contract process but also from the County Commission’s loss of Child Development Block Grants that helped fund necessary components in offering comprehensive CCR&R services.

## **HEALTHY START:**

Healthy Start’s mission is to promote and support positive parenting and healthy growth and development for all County residents and their first-born child. Healthy Start offers one-on-one parenting support, home visits and parent/child play groups throughout the county. Parenting education classes are also offered through this service.

Within this last year (07-08), Healthy Start has met all 6 Outcome Indicators of the Healthy Families standard including reduced parent stress and children with up-to-date immunizations. There is continued growth with the County’s Healthy Start program in meeting the Service Delivery indicators established by the Oregon standards.

Historical Data from 05-06 indicates 549 families received screening services, 779 families received a client-driven service and 230 families received intensive home visits.

In 06-07, 741 families received a screening service, 925 families received a client-driven service and 184 families participated in intensive home visits.

In 07-08, 653 families received a screening service, 882 families received a client-driven service and 229 families received intensive home visits.

08-09 data is not yet available.

In the spring of 09, the Healthy Start grant was awarded to the Clackamas County Children’s Commission Head Start program.

## **CHALLENGES OF HEALTHY START:**

1. The county is very large, geographically, resulting in busy schedules for the 10 family support staff and high mileage costs to the program.

2. Budget cuts threaten the number of families receiving services. Since Healthy Start serves at-risk families, the impact of removing the services and support of Healthy Start will be felt by an already underserved population with numerous at-risk behaviors.
3. Limited access to hospitals presents challenges to staff when trying to find and connect with all first time parents for screening.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

1. Families of low income have barriers to finding quality child care that go beyond the family's ability to pay. Parents often don't know what quality child care looks like; they are timid to ask questions of the provider, they often lack access to reliable transportation and may work non-traditional hours.
2. Since 2007, the Clackamas County Office for Children and Families Early Childhood Committee has prioritized the needs of child care providers. Commission funds have been dedicated to CCR&R to fund two Educational Specialists and a Nutritionist to assist child care providers in delivering quality services.
3. With the expertise of the Educational specialists of CC&RR over the last 2 years, child care providers are feeling supported in their efforts to meet children's needs. Families are feeling supported in their efforts to maintain stable child care because of the consultation provided by CCR&R staff and the connections they foster to other services that may be available to families in the county.
4. With the reduction in the ERDC Parent co-pay by an average of 20% and the income limit to qualify rising from 150% to 185% of the federal poverty level, families' access to more child care options increased.
5. Even with ERDC's new co-pay and income guidelines, most child care centers and even quality family home child care services are not affordable for families of low income. Family, friend or neighbor care is often the preferred or the only option a family of low income may have when establishing child care.
6. DHS has been sponsoring more training specifically for the family, friends and neighbor care providers often used by families. Providers are paid to attend trainings, trainings are geared for their unique set of circumstances, and providers are encouraged to gain more skills.
7. Healthy Start has just been awarded to the Clackamas County Children's Commission Head Start program to operate. The result will be a change in the administration as all program operations and services will be maintained by the single agency of CCCC Head Start. Healthy Start continues to be a successful program; meeting the needs of first-time parents while establishing the research that the program is producing positive outcomes for families.

8. The limitations of Federal and State Head Start programs is the lack of funding to serve **all** eligible children, including infants and toddlers, and the inability to provide full day services to families.

9. With the new federal administration, there are opportunities for federal Head Start expansion with the 3-5 year olds. Early Head Start (birth to 3) funds are also available and Clackamas County Children’s Commission has submitted a grant for 114 children.

10. Parents are able to access information, support groups, other families that have been through similar life experiences and resources with 2 new services – The Family Education and Support Network web-based site and the Family Support and Information Center.

11. Progress has been made in the last 3 years in providing more one-on-one mentoring, coaching and training to the child care industry of the county. These efforts have meant that children with special needs have been able to remain in care and their Parents can continue working. The effort has made it such that the CCR&R team is sought after by providers who want to learn more about meeting the needs of the children in their care. Funding threatens all of these efforts at this time.

### **SECTION 3 – INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

In this section, the following information will be addressed:

- Numbers of children eligible for Special Education served by Head Start
- Relevant Services and Resources Provided by Community Agencies

#### **CLACKAMAS ESD EARLY INTERVENTION/EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (EI/ECSE):**

Clackamas ESD is the central point of referral in the county for any child experiencing developmental delay, birth thru the age of 21. The ESD’s Early Childhood Department responds to every inquiry by a Parent of a young child (birth to kindergarten) worried about their child’s development. The Intake process and eligibility process follow strict guidelines and timelines.

**Number of Children Served by Clackamas Education Service District  
by District/Area**

Source: Clackamas ESD Early Childhood: April 2009

School District/Area	Early Intervention: 0-3's	Early Childhood Special Education: 3-5's
West Linn	21	86
Lake Oswego	12	38
North Clackamas	74	247
Molalla River	27	36
Oregon Trail	33	90
Colton	4	10
Oregon City	39	128
Canby	19	58
Estacada	13	44
Gladstone	10	31
Served for Portland PS	2	0
Served for Barlow/Gresham	0	31
Served for Reynolds	0	0
Served for Tigard/Tualatin	0	31
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>769</b>

**The EI/ECSE eligibility categories are listed below with the number of children identified, through the evaluation process, to receive services**

<b>Number of Children Served by Clackamas Education Service District by Disability</b>		
<b>Source: Clackamas ESD Early Childhood: April 2009</b>		
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Early Intervention: 0-3's</b>	<b>Early Childhood Special Education: 3-5's</b>
Developmentally Delayed	231	154
Hearing Impaired	16	21
Vision Impaired	12	7
Orthopedically Impaired	12	19
Autism	1	64
Communication	1	583
Other Health Impaired	0	18
Specific Learning Disability	1	0
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>274+</b>	<b>866+</b>

*\*Some children may have more than one disability*

<b>Number of Children Served by Clackamas Education Service District by Ethnicity</b>		
<b>Source: Clackamas ESD Early Childhood: July 2006</b>		
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Early Intervention: 0-3's</b>	<b>Early Childhood Special Education: 3-5's</b>
White	198	604
Hispanic	38	123
African American	5	20
Asian	11	17
Native American	2	7
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>771</b>

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHILDREN'S COMMISSION HEAD START- CCCCHS  
OREGON HEAD START PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM - OHSP**

As of April 1, 2009, 138 children (24%) received Special Education services while attending classes offered through CCCC Head Start. CCCC Head Start and CESD/ECSE have an interagency agreement that specifies services provided by Head Start and the ECSE department of the ESD.

As of April 1, 2009, 28 children (16%) received services from ECSE while enrolled in the Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten program.

<b>Disability</b>	<b>Number of ECSE Children Served by CCCCHS</b>	<b>Number of ECSE Children Served by OHSP</b>
Autism	0	0
Emotional Disorder	0	0
Hearing	1	0
Orthopedic	1	0
Speech	117	22
Vision	1	0
Non-Categorical	24	5
Non-Specific	0	0
Other Health Impaired	5	1
<b>Sub-Totals</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>28</b>

*\*Some children may have more than one disability*

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND SERVICES:**

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (FACT)/FAMILY SUPPORT AND INFORMATION CENTER**

Family and Community Together is a family leadership coalition empowering Oregon families experiencing disability. The coalition works to facilitate positive change in policies, systems and attitudes affecting Oregonians with disabilities or chronic health concerns and their families.

## **DISABILITY COMPASS**

Disability Compass provides information and direction to services, providers and special healthcare resources for people with disabilities, their families and those who support them. Through the web page, one can find resources, personal service providers and inclusive child care information.

## **INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE**

The Inclusive Child Care program of the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities in partnership with the Oregon Employment Department Child Care division provides support to families securing child care for a child with high needs.

## **OREGON FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK (OFSN)**

OFSN provides, at no cost, support and educational services for families with children who have emotional, mental, behavioral or related disorders.

## **OREGON ADVOCACY CENTER**

This Center provides legal advocacy for people with disabilities regardless of the ability to pay. Disability rights of Oregon (DRO) is mandated and authorized by law to see that the legal rights of people with disabilities are upheld.

## **OREGON COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

This is a community team process that seeks to improve local care and services for children with chronic conditions or disabilities. Service links DHS clients to health care services.

## **NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)**

NAMI is a member controlled support group for family members of mentally ill persons. Peer support through sharing experiences, resources, and information and coping techniques.

## **AUTISM SOCIETY OF OREGON**

The local chapter provides public awareness, information and support to families with children that are autistic. Free to families and professionals.

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER (CDRC)**

Through the Oregon Health Sciences University programs, CDRC provides medically related services for children physically and developmentally disabled 0-21 years of age.

## **OREGON COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (OCCF):**

OCCF was created by legislation in 1993 to promote positive outcomes for children and families through a local decision making process. This advocacy group is responsible for a local coordinated comprehensive plan; community mobilization; and coordination among community groups, government agencies, private providers and other parties, of programs and initiatives for children 0-18 years of age and their families. Examples of OCCF's influence in Clackamas county can be seen through the work of Healthy Start, through the consultations to child care providers by CCR&R staff and by the Parent resources such as the Family Education and Support network.

## **EASTER SEALS OF OREGON**

Services include loaning medical apparatuses at no charge and providing a respite program for families with children experiencing a disability and their siblings. Residential camp is offered during summer for children physically disabled, 7 years or older.

## **OREGON CITY HEALTH CENTER**

Operated by Community Health, this clinic offers a broad range of health services and dental care services to community members regardless of their ability to pay.

## **OREGON DISABILITIES COMMISSION**

Oregon Disabilities Commission is a Governor appointed commission charged with advising DHS and the Legislature on issues related to achieving the full economic, social, legal and political independence of individuals with disabilities.

## **OREGON HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

Many programs available, including (1) assessment and treatment of dental problems for low-income school age children to 8th grade who may not have insurance, and (2) Prenatal and Postnatal services for Clackamas County women including childbirth classes, and assistance arranging for delivery and home visits. (3) Other programs at site: AIDS/HIV, Child Health Services, Communicable Disease Prevention, Community Clinics, Immigration Assistance, Women's Health Services. No one is denied service because of inability to pay.

## **FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT NETWORK**

A regional network of parenting providers, an on-line support to parents, an on-line network that coordinates parent trainings and informs parents of resources in the community.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

1. In terms of child find for EI/ECSE, Clackamas County has a strong program, which meets or exceeds the federally designed child disability rate for Clackamas County. Both OHSP and CCCC Head Start exceed the federally mandated requirement that a minimum of 10% Head Start children receiving services must be disabled. Collaboration, interagency agreements, and a strong commitment to serving a child in a natural environment have contributed to a seamless service system between ECSE and Head Start
2. Clackamas County Head Start Programs (CESD-OHSP and CCCC HS) serve approximately 48% of the county's identified 3-5 year olds that are eligible for Head Start.
3. There are successful, strong collaborative agreements between CCCC HS, OHSP, ESD/ECSE and Healthy Start to meet the needs of children with special needs. A joint system for early and fast identification of needs is combined with a thorough service delivery system.
4. Physicians and developmental clinics are beginning to use the ASQ/ASQ SE on well child visits in an effort to identify children with needs and streamline the referral process to EI/ECSE.

5. The high rate of Caucasian three-five aged children identified with a disability (604) in comparison with other ethnic groups (167) might suggest that some children go undetected. This could be due to many reasons, such as cultural beliefs and customs, inability to access community resources, isolated families that often don't access social services or have regular medical check ups, or lack of developmental knowledge. The Caucasian population statistics from 2008 for the age group 0-19 has decreased 12% since 2000. The Hispanic 2008 population figures for the age group 0-19 indicate a 61% increase since 2000.

## **SECTION 4 – EDUCATION, HEALTH, NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

In this Section, the educational, health, and nutrition needs of eligible Head Start children and their families will be addressed.

### **EDUCATION NEEDS; CHILDREN**

#### **CHILDREN ENROLLED IN HEAD START**

All children are given a developmental screening within 45 days of enrollment called the ASQ and ASQSE. These screenings are completed by the parent on a home visit and are used to determine if a child is developing within normal limits in all areas.

OHSPP utilizes the Galileo tool for assessing children and CCCC uses the Creative Curriculum, both of which are widely accepted assessments. During the school year, teachers gather information in developmental areas such as social, adaptive, fine/gross motor, language and cognitive skills. This data is recorded in the Assessments three times a year. The student's assessment outcomes are analyzed and shared with Policy Council and staff, and influence program planning and training plans.

#### **EDUCATIONAL STRENGTHS OF HEAD START**

Some of the major strengths identified in the area of education by Head Start staff and early childhood professionals are:

- Foster Grandparents Program and Clackamas County Social Services provide volunteers in classrooms resulting in better adult: child ratios in the CCCC Head Start classrooms.
- Participating in the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and First Books grants allows families to receive age appropriate books for their children. .
- Successful collaboration with the CESD/ECSE department to meet the educational needs of children eligible for Special Education in a timely manner.
- With the recent mandates of Head Start, staff are expected to obtain higher educational levels prompting the development of a CDA program within the CCCC Head Start program. Both OHSPP and CCCC Head Start have a strong relationship with the Clackamas Community College Early Childhood department. The CC Campus has developed a CDA program and continues to offer relevant, affordable higher education classes for Head Start staff
- With the influence of the Head Start standards, home visits are tailored to meet the needs of the child and family. This individualization of home visits results in the child making progress

towards specified educational goals as well as encouraging the adults to continue their education in the community with the support of the head start program.

- With the OHSPP model of partnering with community preschools, there has been a positive county-wide influence on the quality of community preschools and child care centers in the county.
- State wide data as well as individual program data verifies the positive growth children make towards achieving their goals.

## **EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF HEAD START STAFF**

Head Start has been given several unfunded mandates through the federal government, which put stress on the budget. Those mandates include:

- Requiring at least half of teachers have an Associates or BA degree without providing more funding for salary increases or the cost of education.
- Requiring bus monitors on each bus has put assistant teachers in that role, taking them away from assisting the teacher in classroom preparation.

## **ADULT EDUCATION; PROFILE OF A FAMILY ENROLLED IN HEAD START**

At the time of recruitment during the 2008-2009 school year, 40% of the Mothers and 35% of the Fathers in CCCCHS have below a 12th grade education.

Clackamas Community College, Goodwill, some churches and some school districts offer English classes for families learning English. There are a variety of GED courses offered throughout the county, including:

There are also a variety of centers in the county that offer GED courses.

Clackamas Community College, Goodwill, some churches and some school districts offer English classes for families learning English. There are a variety of GED courses offered throughout the county, including: Clackamas Community College, Estacada Community School, Canby High School, Oregon City High School Alternative School (SAGE), Job Corps GED, and Vocational Option Program (Community Solutions for Clackamas County (CSCC) was formerly known as Employment, Training & Business Services [ETBS]). There are also a number of private for-profit agencies such as Cascade Academy in Milwaukie and The Academy in Gladstone that offer GED preparation. CCCCHS partners with Clackamas Community College, who provides ESL classes for parents of enrolled students. Classes are offered at a time when children attend preschool.

## **BARRIERS TO FAMILY LITERACY; FOR FAMILIES ENROLLED IN HEAD START**

**The following barriers affect families' ability to access educational opportunities:**

- Lack of dependable, affordable child care so that the adult can attend class
- Lack of dependable, affordable transportation
- Limited access to public transportation that is efficient.
- Low literacy levels of the adults which affects the ability to fill out forms and read class schedules
- Limited English and unfamiliarity with the culture

- Lack of knowing where and how to connect with available resources
- Lack of funds for adult educational opportunities
- Poor confidence of the adult who may have struggled in school themselves
- Poor self-esteem influences the adult's ability to begin and to persevere

## **ADULT EDUCATION CONCLUSIONS**

1. CCCC and OHSP provide comprehensive educational services to families and children qualifying for Head Start services.
2. Quality, affordable child care is often limited or not available restricting the adult from pursuing educational opportunities.
3. During the summer months, children and families in Clackamas find a lack of suitable, affordable or accessible summer programs for preschool age children.
4. Tracking measurable outcomes for enrolled Head Start students guides programs in assessing the effectiveness of the educational programming offered to families and students.
5. Parents and community members rank transportation and distance from community centers of higher education as top barriers for families in obtaining more education.
6. Distance learning is developing on all of the Community College campuses and Universities making it easier to access adult education classes.
7. An adult's history with the educational system influences the willingness of that adult to enroll in classes after high school. Many parents of children enrolled in Head Start were poor students themselves and do not feel they have the ability to be successful in an educational setting.
8. Many parents of the children enrolled in Head Start do not have the funds to take classes.

## **HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL NEEDS**

### **HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Head Start Program Performance Standards require that every Head Start program form and maintain a Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC). CCCC and CESD/OHSPP sponsor a Health Services Advisory Committee, which is a community-based committee dedicated to improving the health and nutrition of Clackamas County children. The committee membership includes the CCCC and CESD/OHSPP Health Coordinators and contracted Nutritionists, as well as representatives from the Oregon Health Plan, Public Health Department, County Mental Health Department, private practice Dentists, Parents, Policy Council members, and school district representatives.

The Committee concerns itself with a wide range of health issues as they arise in the course of the program year. The Committee's 2008-2009 meeting minutes provide a good example of the types of issues typically discussed.

- Discussed the impact of the State of Oregon budget shortfall for health services in Clackamas County.

- Clackamas County Public Health’s invitation to the Community to participate in groups through town hall and focus group meetings for visioning the future of what is a Healthy Community.
- Collaborative efforts between Head Start and the WIC program.
- American Pediatric Dental Association and Head Start Initiative: partnership to establish the Dental Home concept, a continuing program for dental care for children.
- Head Start’s “Miles of Smiles” dental unit and collaboration with Dental Outreach Oregon (DOO) for applying sealants to local school children.
- General health issues facing the community with specific focus on childhood obesity and the need for wellness information.
- Participation with the American Lung Association in battle against Second Hand Smoke.
- Head Start is now requiring that children receive a lead screening at their health exam.

## **HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Since the 2006 assessment, Clackamas County has lost its Molalla Community health and dental clinic, had health services cut from the Sandy Health clinic and have centered all Public health and dental services in Oregon City. With the rural nature of a large part of the county and the inadequate public transportation outlying areas must deal with, the ability to get one’s health care needs met is reduced considerably.

The Community health department is undergoing a visioning process to create a 10 year plan. Other agencies such as Outside-In have begun working with the HSAC with the intent of offering health services to families in the Johnson Creek area as well as establishing a health clinic at Milwaukie High school

## **HEALTH INSURANCE:**

For children, there are several health insurance options – some options have just recently been passed in the legislative session that ended in June of 2008. In Clackamas, the Oregon Health Plan has open enrollment for the young child if certain eligibility criteria are met; including proof of income and residency status.

Recently, legislation was passed to implement the ‘Healthy Kids’ program which accepts families with incomes between 185%-200% of the federal poverty level. These families, with residency status and proof of income may then apply to OHP for the child’s insurance. The Healthy Kids program will be effective as October 1, 2009. The second part of this legislation is to implement ‘Kids Connect’, effective January 1, 2010. Kids Connect will expand the income limits of OHP to allow families making 200%-250% of federal poverty level to apply. Documentation of residency status will remain a criteria for eligibility.

Kaiser's Child Health Program in cooperation with ESD and the county's school districts are now able to offer another health insurance option for young children. If a child, grade K-6, is not able to obtain health insurance any other way, then Kaiser's child health program is considered. Kaiser's eligibility criterion includes proof of income but no residency questions. Once the initial child is accepted into Kaiser's health program, the siblings can then be insured if enrolled in a participating school district.

Health insurance for the adult population is limited to the services offered by the O.C. Community Health clinics. It is expected that OHP will open for adult enrollment in the next few months. The Oregon health plan will open its enrollment until it receives a certain number of applications and then it will close. After the enrollment closes, a lottery is held whereby applications are chosen to 'offer' OHP services to.

Based on feedback from the families served in both Head Start programs it seems as though finding a Doctor or clinic that will accept an OHP client is difficult. Families are often told the office does not take OHP insurance or have to wait months for an appointment as only a certain number of OHP clients are seen per week/month.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

The hospitals located in Clackamas County are Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City, Providence Milwaukie Hospital in Milwaukie and Kaiser Permanente in Clackamas. All offer 24-hour emergency services.

### **DENTAL CARE**

- The Clackamas County Public Health Dental Clinic in Oregon City which opened in January 2001 gave greater access to dental care for OHP clients. However, there still continues to be a large demand on the clinic, which has limited resources, by uninsured adult patients who have little access to dental care in the community.
- Clackamas County Children's Commission has received a three year grant funded by the Kaiser Permanente Community Fund at Northwest Health Foundation. This grant has allowed CCCCHS to purchase and furnish a mobile dental unit, "Miles of Smiles", which has served Head Start children at the CCCC centers and is being used and offered to Healthy Start and other school districts. It will serve as both a dental clinic and a classroom. Partnerships have been established with dental students from Pacific University, Mt. Hood Community College and Portland Community College. This "Miles of Smiles" project serves mainly the uninsured/underinsured children focusing on oral health education and prevention.
- Many dentists no longer accept the Oregon Health Plan, and if they do, the waiting list to be seen is sometimes as long as six months.
- Many adults do not qualify for dental insurance and live with infected or diseased teeth and gums. They can transmit their infection to infants and very young children through saliva. Prevention education in the community is vitally, if not urgently, needed.
- Several pediatric dentists have volunteered their services to work with Head Start children on an occasional basis or at a reduced cost over the last three years.

**BARRIERS TO TOP RANKED HEALTH NEEDS**

- **Lack of Health Insurance** – including income limits for the Oregon Health Plan, part-time work status, large waiting lists, lack of providers who take OHP, and immigration status (e.g. non-resident aliens, aliens without papers, etc.)
- **Lack of Access** – to Doctors due to transportation issues.
- **Dental Care** – lack of ongoing care, limited or no dental insurance coverage, lack of providers accepting OHP insurance, lack of providers, Pediatric Dentists who take new clients, lengthy waiting periods for appointments in the Public Health dental clinic.
- **Food Insecurity** – contributing factors include lack of resources, sound nutritional education, and families coping with changes in their food options.

CCCC & OHSPP Medical/Dental Insurance Data Source: CCCC and OHSPP databases in 2007-08		
Medical/Dental Insurance	% of Children CCCC	% of Children OHSPP
No Insurance	18.5%	13%
Oregon Health Plan	64%	79%
Private Insurance	16%	18%

The Top 3 Health & Nutrition Needs of Clackamas County Head Start Children are:
Limited providers taking the Oregon Health Plan and long waiting lists to get in.
Access to dental care
Childhood Obesity

**FOOD INSECURITY**

According to the Oregon Center for Public Policy, one out of every seventeen households in Oregon goes hungry at some time in their daily lives. This rate is nearly double that of other states in the nation.

**FOOD STAMPS<sup>11</sup>**

March 2008    8,799 households / 20,860 persons / \$2,074,793 FS Benefits issued  
 March 2009    11,977 households / 27,777 persons / \$3,028,031 FS Benefits issued

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/data/papage.shtml>

Growth of +36.1% in households / #3 in state

In 2008, the US Department of Agriculture reported that Oregon had 12.4 percent of its population (458,000 people) living in households that struggled with hunger or were “food insecure” during 2005-2007. Food insecurity is the USDA term given to describe households that struggle with affording enough food. Nationally, more than 36.2 million people lived in households that were food insecure in 2007 – up from 35.5 million in 2006 and 33.2 million in 2000. Oregon was ranked #3 in the nation for “very low food security” the term used to describe those households that skipped meals or reduced their food intake to make ends meet.<sup>12</sup>

## **NUTRITIONAL SERVICES**

### **Oregon State University Extension Service**

The Department of Nutrition, Oregon State University Extension Family and Community Development, provides a registered dietician to work with both CCCCHS and OHSPP in the areas of nutrition education, hunger and community food security. Training in nutrition has been offered to staff, parents and children in Head Start.

## **FOOD RESOURCES**

According to the Oregon Center for Public Policy, one out of every seventeen households in Oregon goes hungry at some time in their daily lives. This rate is nearly double that of other states in the nation.

### **Oregon Food Bank**

The Oregon Food Bank (OFB) is a community-based, non-profit organization that is dedicated to combating hunger and its’ causes. The vision of the Oregon Food Bank is that everyone should have ready access to affordable food that is healthy and nutritious. Local groups operate under the following agencies in Clackamas County:

### **Gleaners**

This organization is composed of teams of volunteers who apply for participation in the program. Once accepted, each member of the various teams must spend at least one (1) hour per month in volunteer time at the center. Each member pays monthly dues – from \$10 to \$15 per month – and must select an adoptee (someone over 62 years of age or a disabled person) with whom they share the supplies from Gleaners.

### **Community Basket**

This is a supplemental food program designed to assist families with their food budgets by having a monthly distribution of fresh produce, snacks and condiments, as well as some health and beauty products. There are two locations in Clackamas County: the Clackamas Service Center and the Sandy Community Action Center. Members must meet income guidelines (185% of poverty level).

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<sup>12</sup> The Problem - <http://oregonhunger.org/the-problem.html>

### **H.O.P.E. – Help Other People Eat**

Families and individuals in need can come to a H.O.P.E. pantry approximately every 30 days and receive a nutritionally balanced three-day supply of food. The number of clients they serve has been steadily growing. They currently feed about 700 families a month. Lately, the number of people coming to our doors has overwhelmed our resources, and often the last few families each day have been sent away with light boxes of food.

Within many Clackamas County communities, local churches are responding to families' needs for food.

### **Local Farmers Markets**

have appeared in various towns around Clackamas County where local produce is sold as well as stages for other outreach opportunities such as how to can foods, as presented to those who visit

### **Summer Food Program**

A federally funded program provides meals for children and teens this summer at more than 400 sites across Oregon, including a dozen in Clackamas County. Thousands of children receive free or reduced meals at school, and the program is intended to help fill the same need over the summer. No application or proof of income is needed to participate; all children ages 1 to 18 are welcome. Some sites also offer low-cost (\$2 to \$3 range) meals to adults or free meals to adults who serve as volunteers. The program is through Project Summer, Summer Food for Oregon. Food is offered at 12 locations.

### **BARRIERS TO TOP RANKED NUTRITION NEEDS**

- Insufficient Financial Resources – due to the highest unemployment this county has seen since record keeping started in 1947.
- Lack of Access to Food Resources - including transportation and information.
- Lack Community Based Programs – the current programs cannot keep up with the demand for services.

Approximately 5-8% of children have food allergies depending on how the allergy is defined. If all food sensitivities are included, the rate is closer to 8%.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Health Services Advisory Committee has an active broad-based membership committed to achieving better health for children and families of Clackamas County.
2. In any given area of health and nutrition concerns, information about and access to existing resources are often barriers to families receiving needed services.

3. OHP and other health/dental insurance coverage are limited in terms of availability and extent of coverage; e.g., waiting lists, limited coverage, and willingness of physicians to accept OHP.
4. Dental problems and lack of solutions for total dental care is a major concern. Establishing a “dental home” for a family is challenging. Barriers include accessing dental insurance, limited English proficiency, transportation and the long-term nature of extensive dental treatments needed by many Head Start clients.
5. Parental education about dental health, nutrition and development is a priority need, not only for families and children of Head Start, but for the community at large.

## **SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS**

Data collected by CCCCHS and OHSPP during the 2008-2009 program years show the following family profiles:

<b>Types of Households</b>		
<b>Household</b>	<b>CCCCHS</b>	<b>OHSPP</b>
One-Parent families	207	92
Two-Parent families	329	121
Foster families	25	3
Mothers under age 18 when first child is born	77	30

<b>Employment Status</b>		
	<b>CCCCHS</b>	<b>OHSPP</b>
Two-Parent family with both parents employed full-time	77	27
Two-Parent families with one parent employed full-time	210	81
Two-Parent families with both parents unemployed	42	13
One-Parent families that are unemployed	63	31

The social service needs of Clackamas County children and parents eligible for Head Start are varied and in most cases are both poverty driven and involve crisis intervention according to the Social Services’ Directors.

A family’s need for social services is evaluated from recruitment to completion of the Head Start program. OHSPP and CCCCHS work with community agencies such as the Clackamas

Education Service District (CESD), DHS, Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC), Clackamas County Health and Mental Health Departments, and Safety Net. In addition, local school districts are involved through Advisory boards to Head Start and/or when transition to Kindergarten is occurring.

CCCCHS employs a Mental Health Program Director who is available for home visits to address a crisis or work with a family with mental health needs. This service also includes in-class consultation as well as consultation to the home visitor and teaching staff. Clackamas ESD provides OHSP with mental health consultants, who are also available for home visits, in-class consultation, and consultation to staff.

CCCC and OHSP provide each client with a Resource Directory of available community agencies that can provide a full range of services to families and children eligible for Head Start. The directory is available in English and Spanish.

As previously noted, there are no regular school year Head Start programs for 0 to 3 year-old children in Clackamas County.

**CCCC & OHSP PROGRAM DATA:**

<b>Social Services Families Participated in During the 2008-2009 School Year</b>		
	<b>CCCCHS</b> (serving 572 families)	<b>OHSP</b> (serving 178 families)
Emergency Assistance	47% (266)	85% (170)
Housing Assistance	23% (130)	58% (116)
TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)	21% (118)	24% (49)
WIC Benefits (Women, Infants and Children Program)	56.4% (323)	59% (118)
Food Stamps	53% (303)	
Adult Education Services (GED programs, college, etc.)	17% (99)	10% (20)
Transportation Assistance	42% (240)	73% (145)
Homeless	10.6% (61)	2.2% (4)

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

- CCCCCHS’s Mental Health Program Director consulted with program staff for 72 or 13% of enrolled children regarding the child’s behavior/mental health.
- CCCCCHS’s Mental Health Program consulted with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of 59 or 10% of enrolled children during a home visit regarding their child’s behavior/mental health.

- 22 or 4% of the enrolled children at CCCCHS participated in therapeutic Cooperative Play Groups offered at four of our Head Start sites.
- OSHPP's Mental Health Education Specialist consulted with program and community staff for 14 or .07% of enrolled children regarding the child's behavior/mental health.
- OHSP's Mental Health Education Specialist consulted with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of 6 or .03% of enrolled children regarding their child's behavior/mental health.
- OHSP's Mental Health Education Specialist provided an individual mental health assessment on 3 or .01% of enrolled children.

Within the last year and a half, Sandy and Molalla County clinics have both closed. The county plans to close its last clinic in Beavercreek within the next two years. These clinics, however, are contracting with LifeWorks NW and the Morrison Center in order to further serve the community's needs.

**The Morrison Child and Family Services**

They specialize in serving severely traumatized children ages birth through age 18, and their families. Some have been the victims of abuse, neglect and domestic violence. Many have been referred to them by the state or county, through judicial channels or by other treatment organizations. A significant number have been removed from the care of their birth parents. Clients of Morrison Child and Family Services have the right to fair and equitable treatment including the right to receive services in a non-discriminatory manner.

**LifeWorks NW**

A leading non-profit, community-based [prevention](#), [mental health](#) and [addiction](#) agency committed to supporting a healthy community. As of now LifeWorks NW is looking at having additional service centers in Clackamas County to help with the intensive service treatment needs of the community. There are currently centers in Tigard and Gresham that are available for members of Clackamas County to go to and receive such services as intensive community treatment services, family or group therapy, outpatient therapy, and home visits conducted by a specifically trained social services individual. Therapists work with families and spend as much as 4-10 hours a week. Although most families that receive these services do live in the Tigard area, the centers are open to Clackamas county individuals and LifeWorks NW is currently working with the county to see what services can be provided and when.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REPORT ON CLACKAMAS COUNTY SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES<sup>13</sup>**

March 2008    1,004 Families /    \$450,692 TANF benefits issued  
 March 2009    1,354 Families /    \$547,696 TANF benefits issued

Growth of +34.9%    /    #2 in state

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/data/papage.shtml>

## **TEEN PREGNANCY IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

In Oregon, the number of teen pregnancies increased in 2006, just as it did nationwide. It was the first increase across the United States in 14 years, and experts say it's too soon to tell whether a new trend is emerging. Preliminary numbers from Oregon show a decline for 2007.

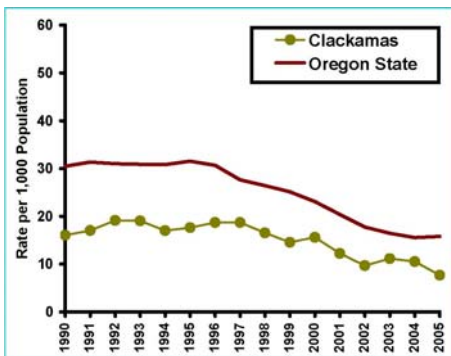
### **YPOP – Youth Parent Opportunity Program**

Education and support services for pregnant and parenting teens residing in Clackamas County, ages 15-21, including parenting classes, education with high school credits and GED prep, job and skills training, child care, resource and referral, and support groups. This program can only serve 25 teens at a time.

### **P.A.C.E.: Parenting, Academics, Careers, Employment**

PACE is the North Clackamas School District's program for pregnant and parenting teens. Students from other districts may enroll with permission from the home district. Typically 35-40 students, ages 13-21, are served every year through PACE. An on-site state certified child care facility is able to care for infants (6 weeks) to 4 year olds.

### **Teen Pregnancy Rate in Oregon and Clackamas County**



## **HOUSING DATA**

### **Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC)**

*Source: [www.co.clackamas.or.us/hacc/ha.htm](http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/hacc/ha.htm)*

HACC owns and operates 565 low-rent public housing units. These units house a mix of families, elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Two 100-unit housing "parks" are located in Oregon City, one 99-unit housing park is located in Oregon City and Milwaukie and another 166 units are scattered throughout the County. A 100-unit nine-story highrise located in Milwaukie is exclusively for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Most of HACC's low-rent public housing units are duplexes and single-family dwellings.

Programs for residents include a Head Start center, a Career and Learning Center, sports and recreation activities, entrepreneurial experience, cross-age mentorship, crime prevention, summer day camp, and

service coordination for families including seniors, disabled and non-English speaking people. HACC also provides an array of federally funded ancillary programs and services to assist public housing residents in achieving self-sufficiency. HACC's resident services are nationally recognized.

To qualify for public housing, the household income must not exceed HUD set standards, which is 80% of the area median income, based on the specified number of family members.

Rent is based upon income. Tenants pay 30% of their adjusted gross income for rent and utilities. Included with the rent, the Housing Authority pays for water, sewer and trash collection. There is no asset limitation; however, income derived from assets is included in the annual income.

The demand for low-rent public housing is high. The current waiting time for available units ranges from 18 to 24 months. Applications are filed in chronological order by date and time of receipt and unit size needs.

HACC has three main housing programs: Public Housing, Section 8 Voucher, and Moderate Rehabilitation. Public Housing and Section 8 Voucher are the two programs that apply to low-income families in need. The Moderate Rehabilitation is for homeowners who work in conjunction with HACC.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) provides assistance to families that rent units in the private rental housing market. This program provides assistance to families that rent units in the private rental housing market. However, **the waiting list has closed**. The Housing Choice Voucher Program can assist approximately 1,500 families.

The Income Table on the following page shows the income limits to qualify families for Public Housing. The waiting list can vary from 18 months to over 4 years. HACC does not provide for emergency housing.

**HACC TABLE - INCOME LIMITS**

Income limits are based on family size. To be eligible, the family's total gross income cannot exceed the program amounts shown below:

Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	10,830	902
2	14,570	1214
3	18,310	1525
4	22,050	1837
5	25,790	2149
6	29,530	2460
7	33,270	2772
8	37,010	3084
9	40,750	3395
10	44,490	3707
For families with more than 10 persons, add \$ 3,740 for each additional person		

## THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:

On average, over 4,000 children are reported as possible victims of abuse and/or neglect in Clackamas County every year. In 2007, there were nearly 1,800 child abuse investigations by DHS child welfare workers. This is more than double the number of investigations in 2004, just four years earlier. Of these investigations, over 600 children were confirmed victims of abuse.<sup>14</sup> 42% of victims of abuse/neglect were under age 6.<sup>15</sup> 640 children in the county have been in foster care at least once during the past year.<sup>16</sup>

Select Geographic Area	2005 DHS Investigations	2006 DHS Investigations	2007 DHS Investigations
Boring	15	36	31
Canby	60	72	88
Clackamas	77	100	100
Estacada	39	40	77
Gladstone	35	52	73
Lake Oswego	20	24	48
Molalla	54	53	89
Oregon City/Beavercreek	159	182	234
West Linn	27	31	42
Wilsonville	43	38	55
Milwaukie	165	181	268
Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge	126	124	172

SOURCE: Children Center of Clackamas County

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH WIC CLINICS

The Women Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC) of Clackamas County Public Health provides food vouchers, nutrition education and referral to health services to pregnant and nursing women, infants, and children under five. Eligibility is based on income; the WIC Income standard is 185% of the federal poverty level.

323 CCCCHS families participated in WIC during the 2008/2009 school year.

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.childrencenter.cc/abuse.htm>

<sup>15</sup> [http://cfo.convio.net/site/DocServer/Complete\\_2008\\_Data\\_Book.pdf?docID=1181&AddInterest=1541](http://cfo.convio.net/site/DocServer/Complete_2008_Data_Book.pdf?docID=1181&AddInterest=1541)

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“WIC is now serving more families than at any time in the last 25 years.” ~Dana Lord,  
Oregon Department of Education.

**WIC provides:**

- Counseling on how to use WIC foods to improve health
- Vouchers to buy nutritious foods including: milk, eggs, cheese, peanut butter, dried peas, beans, and lentils, certain cereals and hot cereal, 100% fresh and canned juice, and tuna
- Information and referrals for prenatal care and immunizations
- Classes on shopping for food, recipes, and postnatal care
- Information on healthy eating during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Partnering with Head Start by having clinics inside Head Start centers around the community.
- Referrals to other services like Immunization, and programs like Food Stamps, TANF and the Oregon Health Plan

### **OREGON 211 INFORMATION LINE**

Since October of 2000 Oregon 211's goal has been to build an integrated, efficient statewide system that would provide 2-1-1 telephone access to trained information and referral specialists providing linkages to local health and human resources for persons in need of assistance.

2-1-1 has been available in the four county Portland metro areas through 211info since 2004. 211info continues to grow and are now answering calls from six Oregon counties (Clackamas, Washington, Multnomah, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson) and four Washington counties (Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum). Calls to 2-1-1 have increased 47% over the past six months as requests for rent assistance, food, utility assistance and low-cost health care are on the rise. More than 62,000 calls for basic needs were answered by 211info between October 2008 and March 2009.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

1. Clackamas County Head Start programs run a vigorous and all encompassing social services program, which attempts to meet 100% of the identified Social Services needs of families through community networking and collaboration with agencies.
2. A Resource Directory, in both English and Spanish, is distributed to families to obtain social service information in Clackamas County.
3. Accessibility and language barriers continue to prevent families from using social services in the county.
4. Food banks are requiring proof of residency and are only open to the public a short amount of time during the week. The number of times a family can use certain food banks is also restricted. Again, transportation is a barrier for many families to access food banks.

5. Reports of child abuse and neglect have increased while funding for DHS has decreased.
6. Increase in community based school district services; Gladstone Stone Center for Children and Families, Wichita Community Center, and the Oregon City Eastman Schoolhouse Services for Children and Families.
7. Mental Health services for children and parents are limited and often have a long waiting period. Increased drug and alcohol addictions, including Methamphetamines, impact the community at large.
8. Affordable housing continues to be a need for families living in poverty.
9. The lack of convenient public transportation in Clackamas County creates problems for families trying to access services.

## **SECTION 5: EDUCATION, HEALTH & NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR HEAD START SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS.**

In preparation for the 2009 Clackamas County Needs Assessment, two surveys were used to determine the needs of Clackamas County Head Start parents and community members.

Parents, preschool teachers, kindergarten teachers, elementary school principals and social service agencies were all given the opportunity to respond. The top ranking issues have been discussed throughout this assessment.

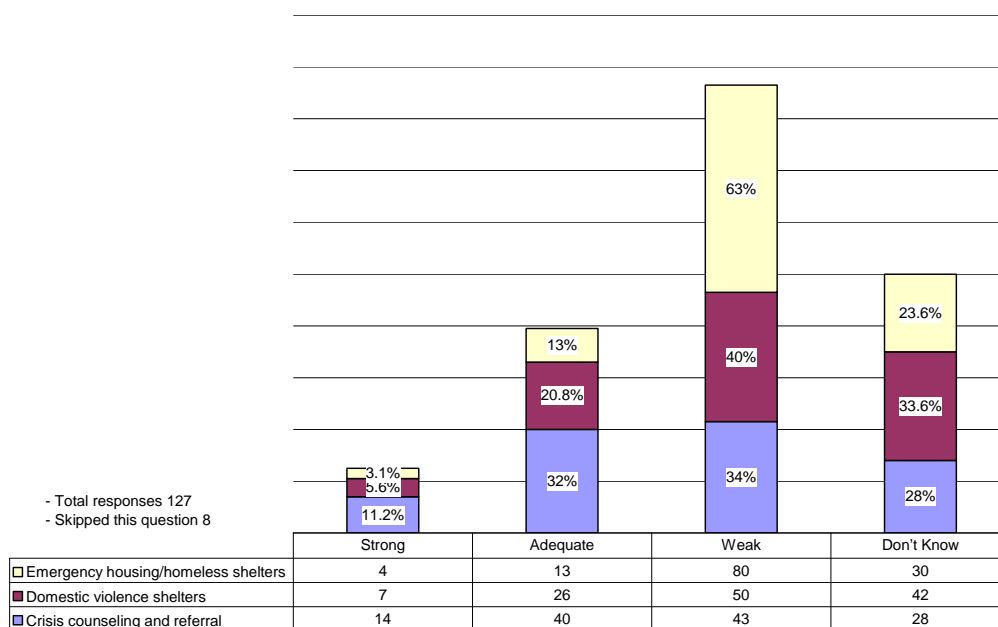
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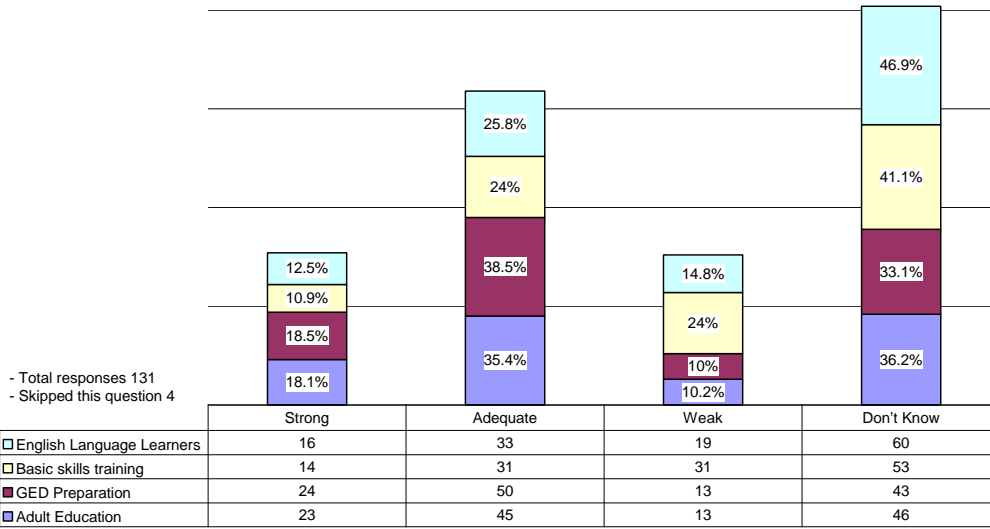
Please indicate the level of quality of each of the following services in your community.

Child Care	Strong	Adequate	Weak	Don't Know
Before-school programs	3.1% (4)	17.1% (22)	25.6% (33)	54.3% (70)
After-school programs	10.2% (13)	21.9% (28)	26.6% (34)	41.4% (53)
Drop-in care	3.2% (4)	8.7% (11)	34.1% (43)	54.0% (68)
Care for children/youth with special needs	4.8% (6)	13.6% (17)	33.6% (42)	48.0% (60)
Infant-Toddler care	1.6% (2)	21.3% (27)	25.2% (32)	52.0% (66)
Head Start	28.9% (37)	27.3% (35)	6.3% (8)	37.5% (48)
Child Care Resource & Referral	18.4% (23)	27.2% (34)	14.4% (18)	40.0% (50)
Pre-School	13.2% (17)	34.9% (45)	14.7% (19)	37.2% (48)
Family, friend, and neighbor care	3.9% (5)	27.6% (35)	18.1% (23)	50.4% (64)
Daily child care	4.8% (6)	28.6% (36)	23.0% (29)	43.7% (55)
Care for children/youth who speak Spanish	5.6% (7)	15.1% (19)	23.0% (29)	56.3% (71)
Care for children/youth who speak Russian	0.8% (1)	6.3% (8)	23.6% (30)	69.3% (88)
Care for children/youth who speak a Chinese dialect	0.0% (0)	2.4% (3)	19.7% (25)	78.0% (99)
Care for children/youth who speak Vietnamese	0.0% (0)	2.4% (3)	19.7% (25)	78.0% (99)
Care for children/youth who speak Cambodian	0.0% (0)	2.4% (3)	20.5% (26)	77.2% (98)
	<b>Total responses</b>			<b>133</b>
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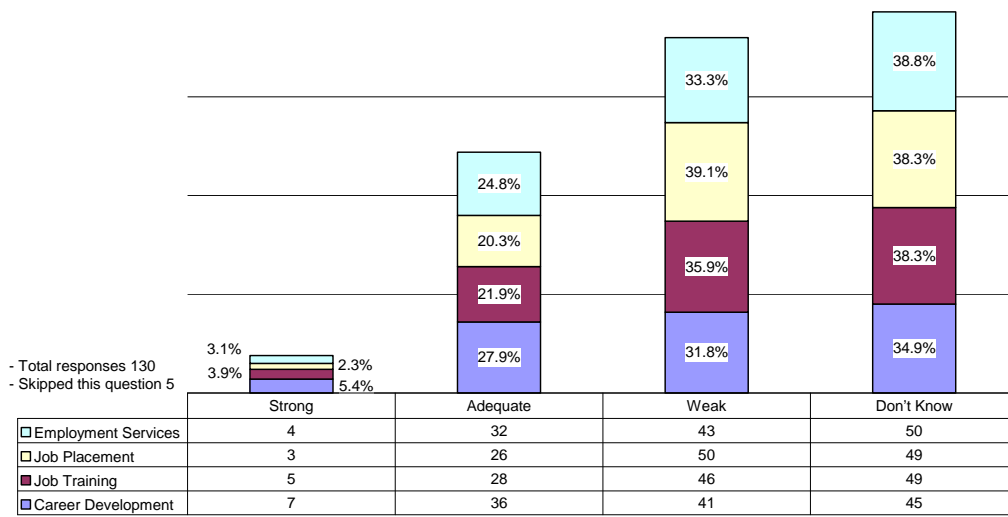
### Crisis Intervention/Counseling



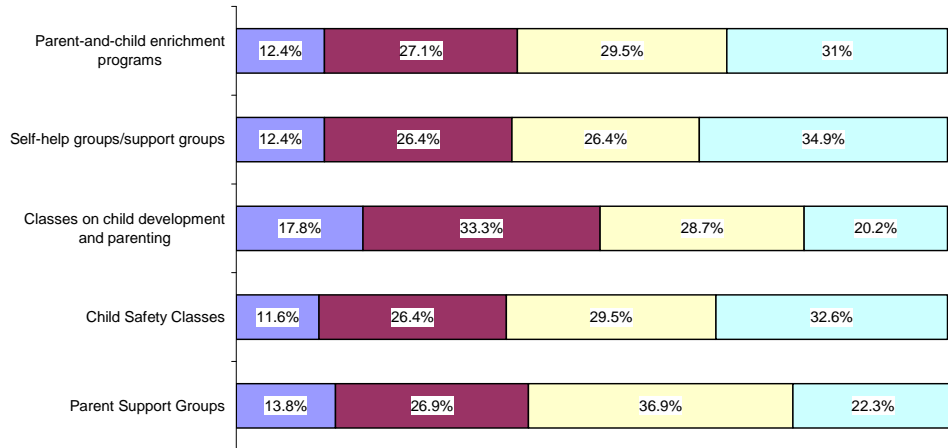
### Education/Literacy Mentoring



### Employment and Training



### Family Services



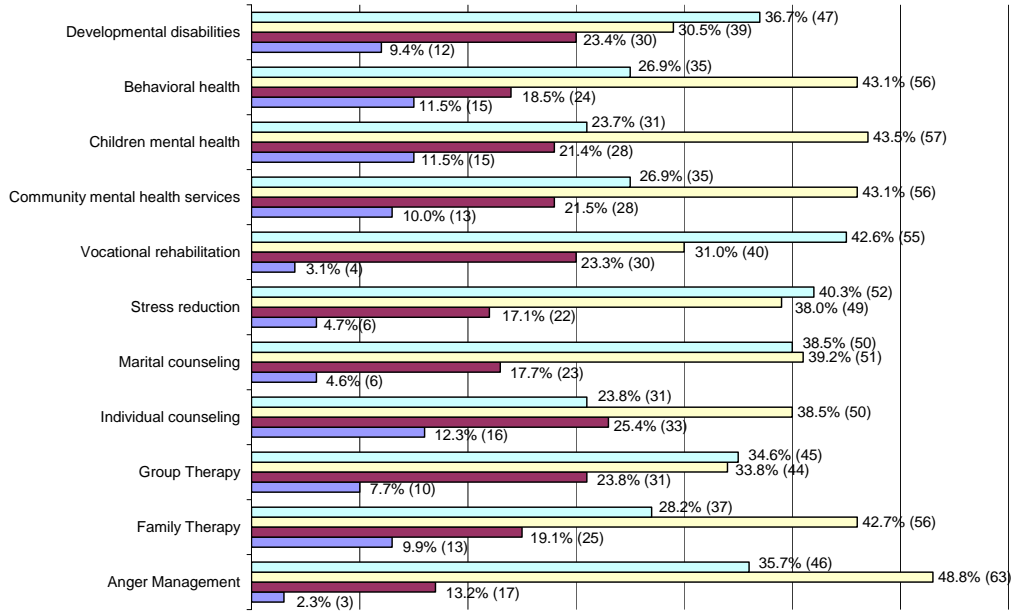
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	Parent Support Groups	Child Safety Classes	Classes on child development and parenting	Self-help groups/support groups	Parent-and-child enrichment programs
Don't Know	29	42	26	45	40
Weak	48	38	37	34	38
Adequate	35	34	43	34	35
Strong	18	15	23	16	16

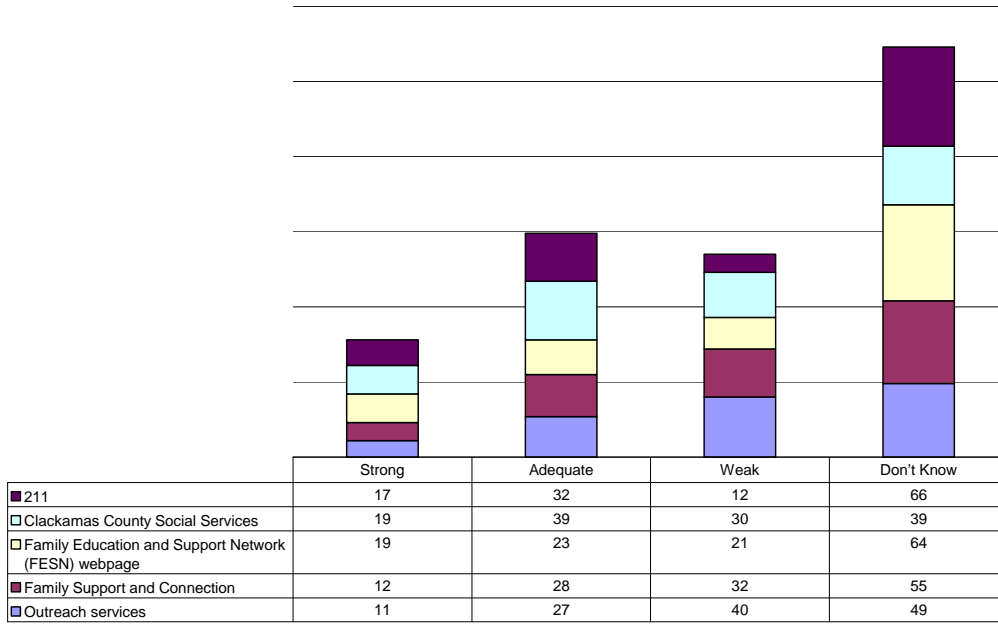
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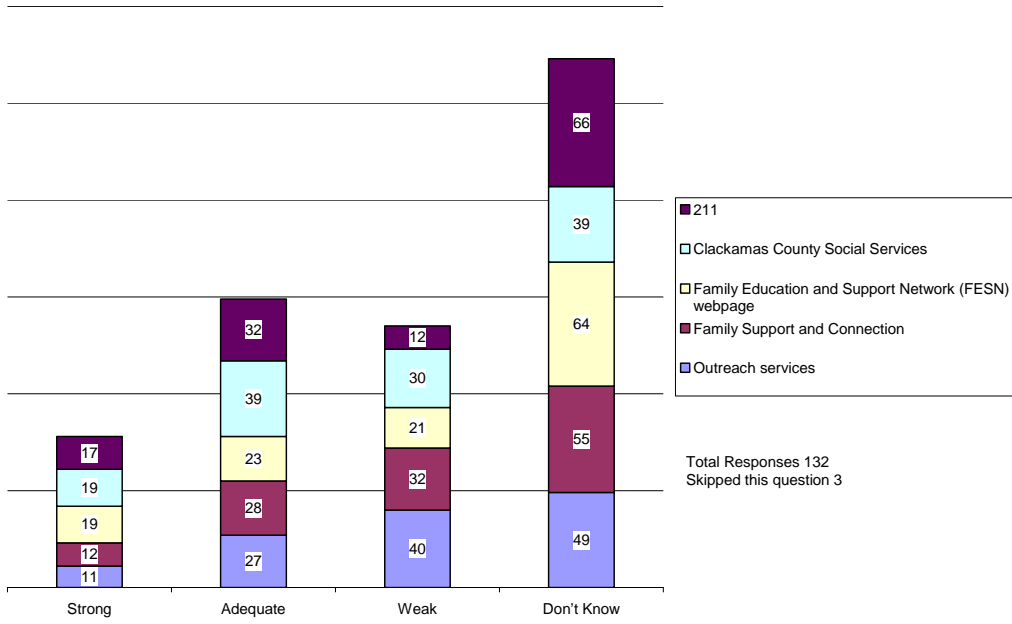
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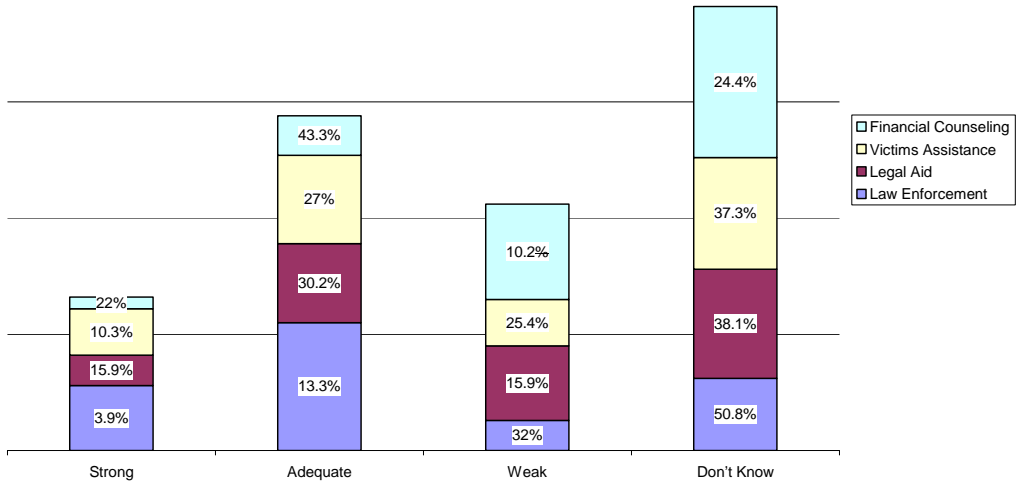


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Legal Aid Counseling/Services

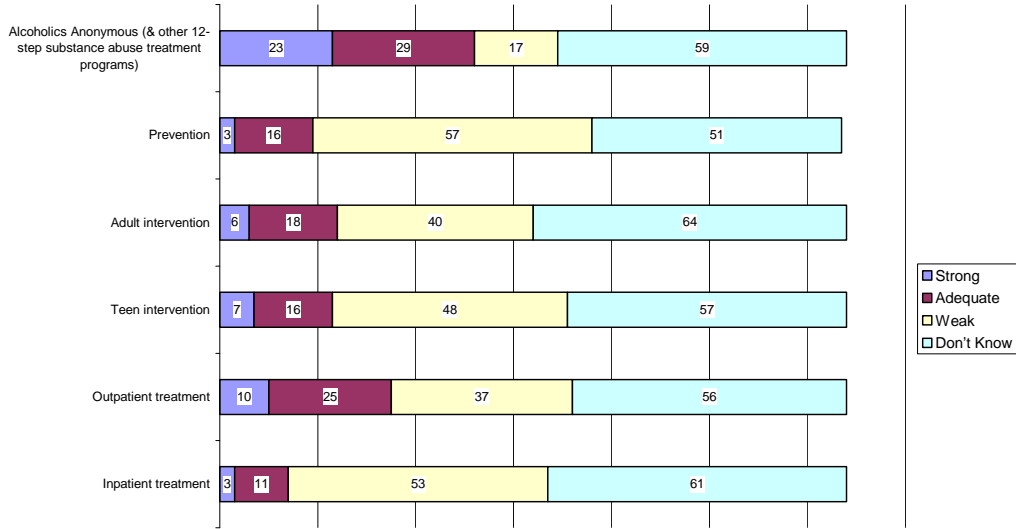
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<b>Public Assistance</b>	<b>Strong</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Weak</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Child care assistance – Employment Related Day Care	3.1% (4)	20.6% (27)	36.6% (48)	39.7% (52)
TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)	6.9% (9)	32.3% (42)	19.2% (25)	41.5% (54)
SNAP	13.1% (17)	34.6% (45)	15.4% (20)	36.9% (48)
Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors	7.6% (10)	24.4% (32)	21.4% (28)	46.6% (61)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	4.6% (6)	25.2% (33)	26.0% (34)	44.3% (58)
Medicaid	4.6% (6)	33.1% (43)	18.5% (24)	43.8% (57)
School Breakfast Program	22.1% (29)	28.2% (37)	8.4% (11)	41.2% (54)
Medicare	6.2% (8)	32.3% (42)	13.8% (18)	47.7% (62)
Unemployment Compensation	7.6% (10)	32.1% (42)	17.6% (23)	42.7% (56)
Housing Assistance	3.1% (4)	16.9% (22)	50.8% (66)	29.2% (38)
Energy Assistance	8.7% (11)	19.7% (25)	37.0% (47)	34.6% (44)
Summer Food Service Program	12.2% (16)	21.4% (28)	19.8% (26)	46.6% (61)
Child and Adult Care Food Program (Family and center based child care)	4.6% (6)	9.9% (13)	16.8% (22)	68.7% (90)
School Lunch Program	25.2% (33)	34.4% (45)	6.9% (9)	33.6% (44)
	<b>Total responses</b>			<b>132</b>
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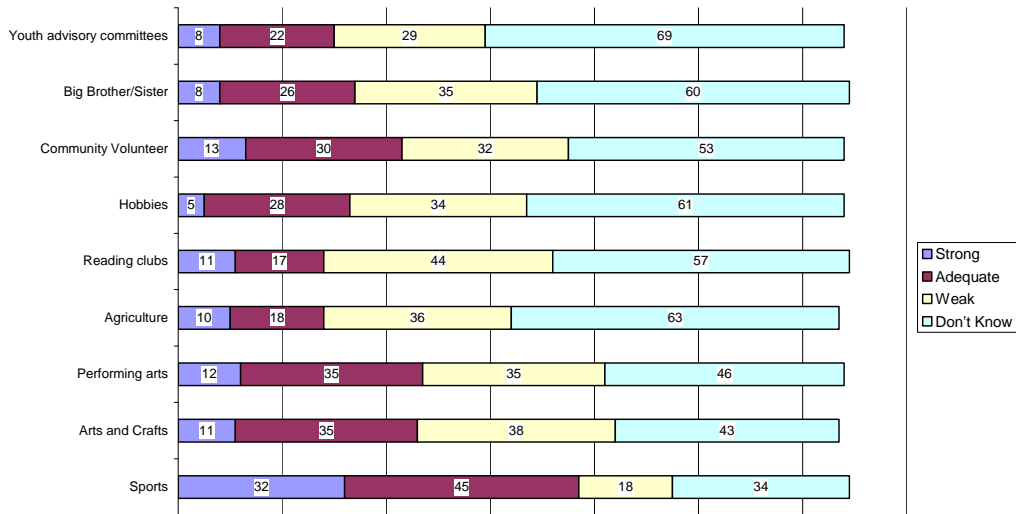
### Substance Abuse Treatment

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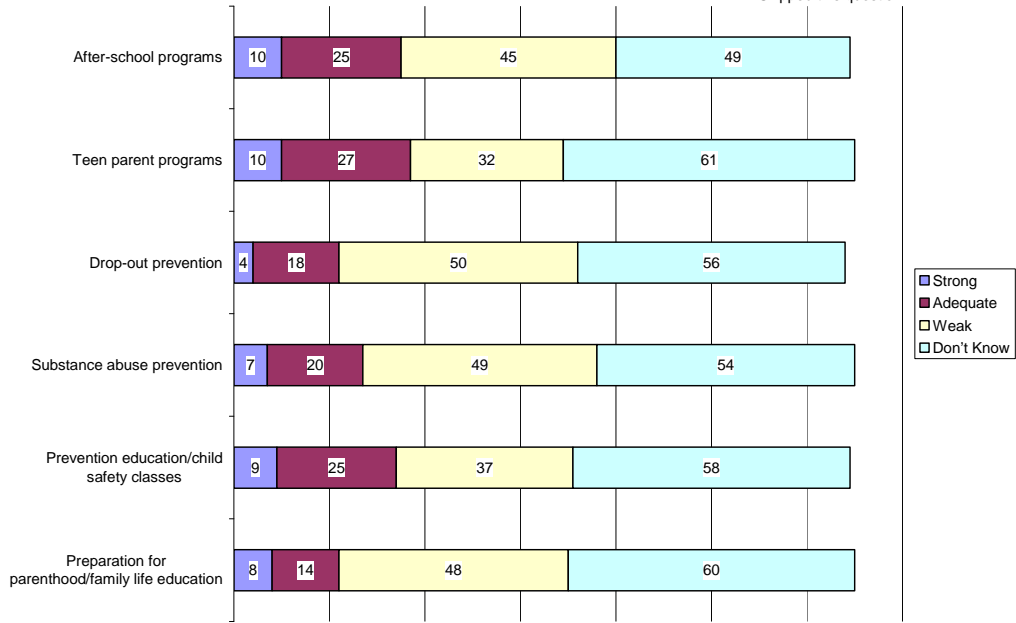
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### School-based/School Sponsored Programs

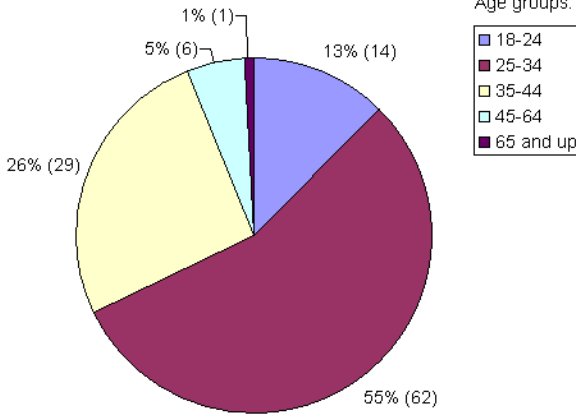
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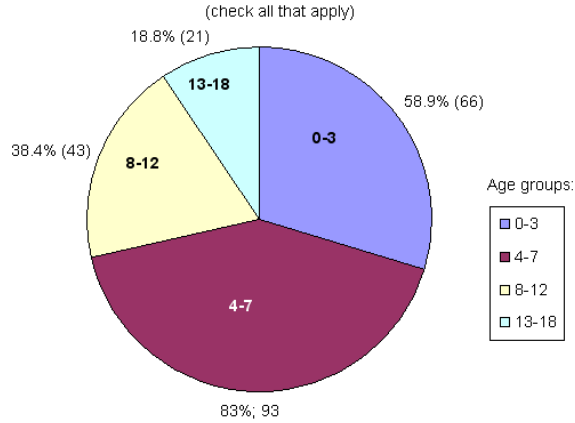
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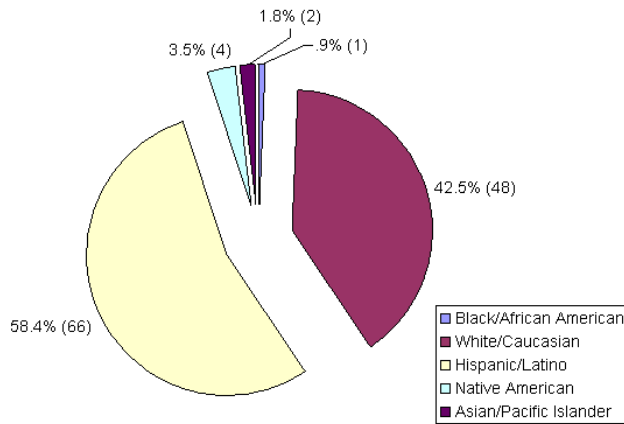
### 1. How old are you?



### 2. If you have children in your household, what are their ages?



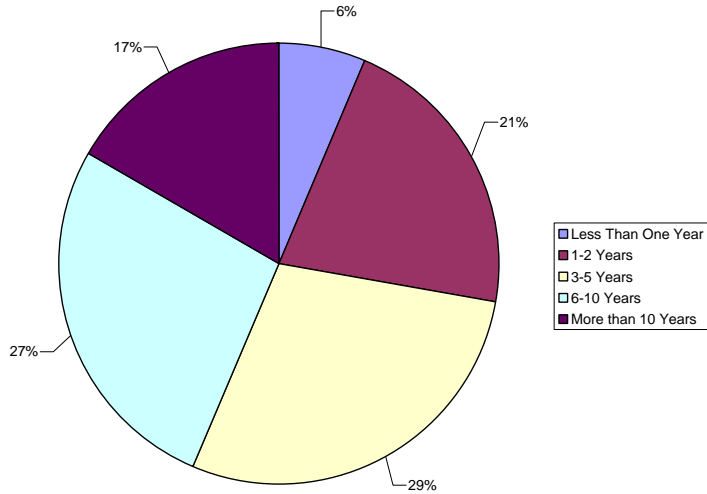
### 3. What race/ethnicity are you?



## 5. What is your zip code?

97045 (Oregon City)	21
97222 (Milwaukie)	13
97267 (Portland)	13
97068 (West Linn)	3
97086 (Happy Valley)	9
97015 (Clackamas)	3
97013 (Canby)	13
97206 (Portland)	3
97009 (Boring )	4
97070 (Wilsonville)	11
97071 (Woodburn)	1
97027 (Gladstone)	3
97023 (Estacada)	4
97055 (Sandy)	7
97002 (Aurora)	1
97062 (Tualatin)	1
97022 (Eagle Creek)	1
97038 (Molalla)	2
Total	113

**How long have you lived in this community?**



**6. How do you like living in your community?**

The general consensus from this question is that community members are highly satisfied with their living situation: it is called peaceful, quiet, and clean.

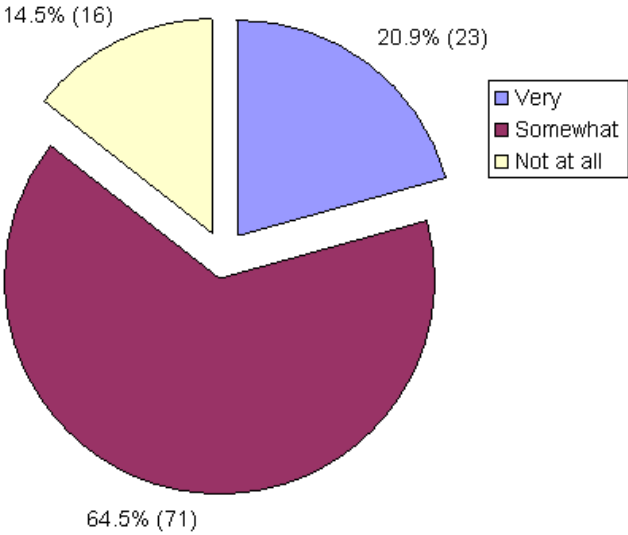
“I feel good in my community, confidently safe in this community.”

“It’s a peaceful community; there is not much crime – perhaps a little vandalism. There is a lot of help from the state and the schools are good. My children are growing up a in great community.”

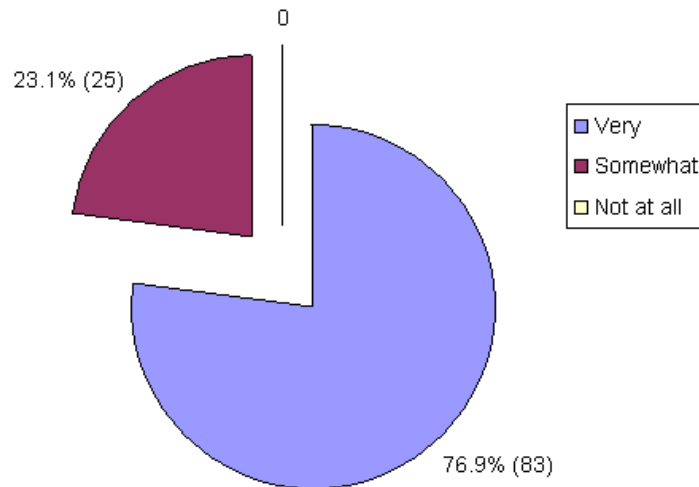
**7. Choose five words that describe your community.**

Community responses were unanimous in describing the Clackamas County community as peaceful, safe, clean, friendly and green.

**8. How connected do you feel to other community members?**



**9. How safe do you feel in this community?**



**10. What are the best things about this community?**

Although answers varied, the general consensus stated that the best things about this community are its convenience, both in location and resources, its available parks and sources of recreation and the sense of cleanliness and safety.

“It is safe for my family because it is clean and beautiful and the people are friendly.”

“There is a small town feel here, nice and helpful people and not high crime.”

**11. What things about this community would you like to see changed?**

The general consensus for this question revolves around street, police and school improvement.

“Put lights in the parks and also I see along some streets cars speeding and not respecting the safety rules.”

“More sidewalks for families so that we aren’t walking in the streets.”

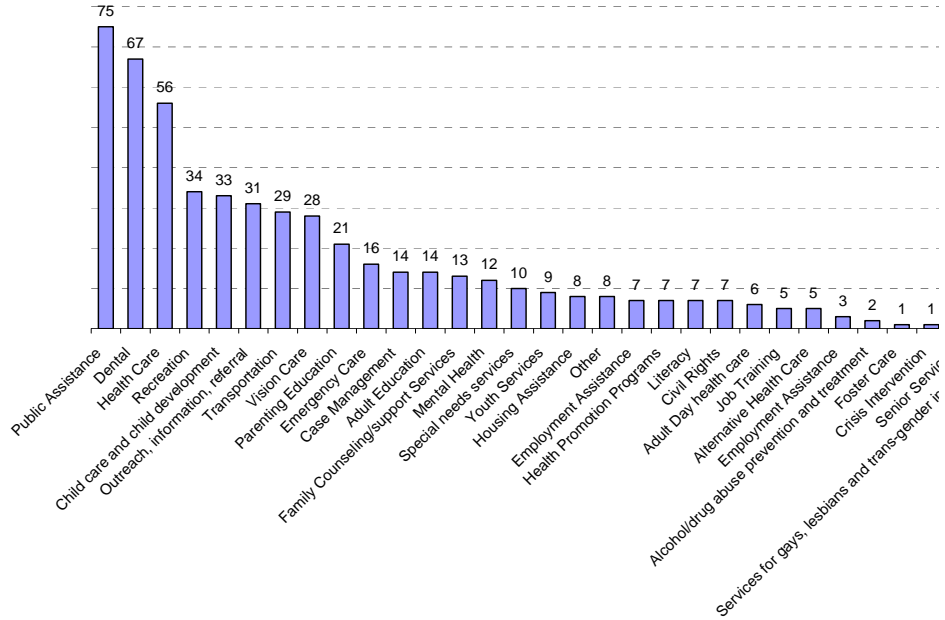
“Maybe more resources on help if needed with families who are struggling.”

**12. What would you be willing to do to help change this community?**

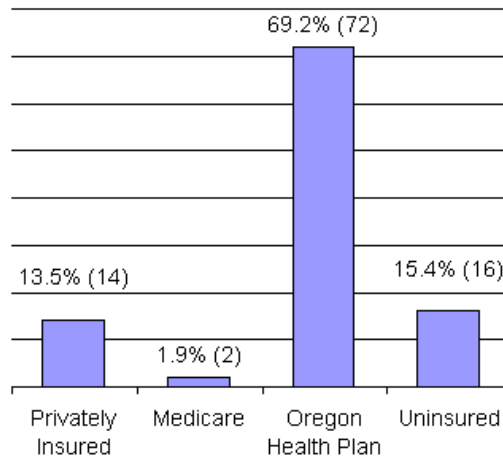
Clackamas County community members feel it is important to first work as a volunteer in what capacity one can, or do the things one can as an active neighbor and community member. Many answered that they did not know or did not know what they could do.

“Participate more in the community and give a voice to whatever project and support the community.”

**13. Which of the following services do you use in your community?**



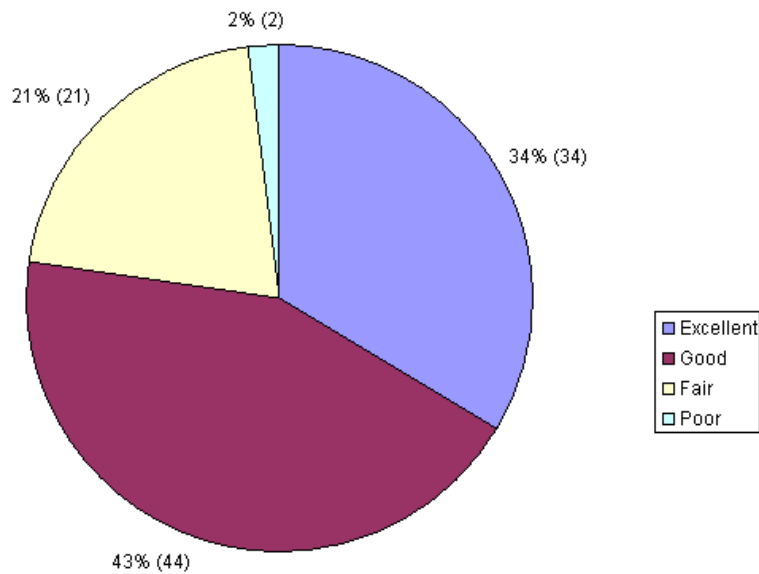
**14. How do you pay for these services?**



**15. Please respond to the following statements about the health and social services system in your community.**

	<b>Always</b>	<b>Usually</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Children and families receive adequate services as needed	29.5% (31)	29.5% (31)	26.7 (28)	4.8% (5)	5.7% (6)	3.8% (4)
Programs reach all children and families who need them	19.4% (20)	30.1% (31)	31.1% (32)	5.8% (6)	9.7% (10)	3.9% (4)
Services are easily accessible to families	17.1% (18)	27.6% (29)	32.4%(34)	7.6%(8)	10.5% (11)	4.8% (5)
Services for children and families are well coordinated	15.4% (16)	33.7% (35)	33.7%(35)	7.7%(8)	4.8% (5)	4.8% (5)
Referrals are shared between agencies	20.2% (21)	27.9% (29)	29.8%(31)	1.9% (2)	1.9% (2)	18.3% (19)
There is problem solving among agencies to fill gaps in services	14.9% (15)	14.9% (15)	26.7% (27)	11.9% (12)	3.0% (3)	28.7% (29)
Children and families are a very high priority with health/social services agencies	26.0% (27)	38.5% (40)	15.4% (16)	6.7% (7)	4.8% (5)	8.7% (9)
Agencies are in conflict with one another	4.0% (4)	5.9% (6)	15.8% (16)	19.8% (20)	12.9% (13)	41.6% (42)
Agencies have conflicting rules and eligibility requirements	11.7% (12)	16.5% (17)	26.2% (27)	8.7% (9)	5.8% (6)	31.1% (32)
Duplication of services is a problem	5.9% (6)	9.9% (10)	16.8% (17)	15.8% (16)	16.8% (17)	34.7% (35)
Children and families face barriers to obtaining services	7.8% (8)	21.6% (22)	29.4% (30)	13.7% (14)	9.8% (10)	17.6% (18)

**16. Please rate the overall quality of the services you use.**



**17. What actions would best improve our service system in your community?**

An overwhelming amount of petitions are for more community and state resources; primarily, medical and dental care and insurance, an easier set of income guidelines, and more resources for struggling families. The community in general seems very pleased with the Head Start program.

“We need to change our health care system – all children should have insurance, a parent should not be penalized for having a job. That keeps people unemployed. If they lose their help why work? We end out making less that way.”

“I have had a lot of problems with the Clackamas County food stamp/health insurance program. It is very hard to communicate with that office.”

**18. Do you think your family is healthy? If not, what are your major health issues?**

Most community members think their family is healthy, but they have concerns about their parents (grandparents) receiving care or the lack of services provided for the sick or special needs child.

“We are healthy, yes, but the parents don’t have medical insurance.”

“My family is healthy. The major issue is always lack of insurance.”

## **RESULTS SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SURVEY**

**TOP STRENGTHS HEAD START, RESOURCE AND REFERRAL, SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS**

**TOP NEEDS DROP IN CARE, CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

**NOTE: AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF PARTICIPANTS DO NOT KNOW ABOUT MANY OF THE SERVICES OFFERED!**

## **RESULTS SUMMARY OF FAMILY SURVEY**

135 Surveyed

### **TOP 4 SERVICES USED IN THE COMMUNITY:**

1. Public Assistance, Dental and Health Care

### **PERCEPTION OF THE COMMUNITY:**

1. Most think that children and families receive adequate services and that they are a high priority for Health and Social Service organizations.

### **DESIRED CHANGES:**

1. Make services more accessible and reach all children and families who need them. Provide Health insurance for everyone.

## SECTION 6: COMMUNITY RESOURCES - AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

Clackamas County Children’s Commission and Clackamas ESD/OHSPP distribute a resource directory in English and Spanish to parents each year. In 2006, the Directory of Resources, created by the Office for Children & Families will be given out. The directory contains the names and phone numbers of social service agencies, their addresses (when appropriate), and a short description of services. Every enrolled Head Start/Even Start family is provided with a copy. The table of contents for the Resource Directory follows.

The enclosed Table of Contents gives a snapshot of the resources listed in the Directory. There are 365 agencies listed, and many services are located in neighboring counties.

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Head Start is part of a countywide group providing services for at-risk children and families. Each month, members from organizations that work with children come together for a meeting and discuss issues and ideas. This group is called CLICC, or Clackamas Local Interagency Coordinating Council. Over the years, resources in the county have enjoyed increased visibility and use due to the information sharing that occurs at these meetings. Collaboration among agencies improves when community members work together.

Clackamas County Social Services Information and Referral is an excellent source of information that anyone can access by phone. The Child Care Resource and Referral assists families in finding childcare and training. The local Commission for Children and Families funds programs that provide resources for parents and professionals in the county.

Clackamas County's community resources have been significantly impacted by the economy. The floundering economy has forced agencies such as Mental Health, Healthy Start, Public Health and the Oregon Health Plan to cut back on services while the need for these services has increased.

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## CONCLUSIONS

1. In the midst of a major recession, unemployment is at an all time high, and county services are struggling to keep up with all the needs of families.
2. Record numbers of families qualify for food stamps.
3. Lack of readily accessible public transportation, especially in outlying areas of the county, impacts families' ability to access those resources that are available to them.
4. Public Housing needs continue to increase, however the waiting list to receive public housing is now closed.
5. Surveys indicate a general lack of community knowledge regarding many services offered, including Head Start.
6. Although the Governor has increased funding to insure 95% of children in the state, many providers do not accept the Oregon Health Plan, and a large amount of low income adults are uninsured.