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GREATER OREGON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.

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GOBHI announces 2018 childhood wellness grant recipients

A dozen youth and family behavioral health programs in rural Oregon will get a funding boost this year.

Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. has committed approximately \$1.5 million in grants to support health and wellness projects within its service areas in eastern and northwest Oregon. The funding period runs from August 2018-2019.

GOBHI's annual grant program supports youth, families, and children, in order to improve health outcomes.

"We know leveraging investments in wellness for young Oregonians pays off in a huge way in the long-term," said GOBHI CEO Kevin Campbell. "That's why we're proud to support these programs that move the dial toward a healthier future."

The 12 programs GOBHI has selected are either pilot start-ups or returning initiatives. Project applications were reviewed by GOBHI's Youth and Family Services Grant Review Committee.

Applications were prioritized based on a set of criteria, establishing high quality organizational commitment, planning, and expertise in the behavioral health field.

The grants are part of a broader children's public health initiative GOBHI is developing. The Early Childhood Behavioral Health Promotion Initiative aims to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), build resilience, and improve population health. GOBHI is committed to invest substantially over three years toward the endeavor.

GOBHI understands the highest return rate in a child's development comes from investing as early as possible — from birth through age five.

2018-2019 Youth and Family grant recipients:

Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) — Behavior Therapy Classrooms

Create and implement behavior/therapy classrooms in **Morrow County** for students who are not able to succeed or be safe in a standard education classroom. Through intense therapy and structure, develop skills that will allow students to return to regular education.

Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance — Integrated Nurse Home Visiting Program

Support early childhood health in **Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, and Union** counties by addressing maternal and caregiver depression through integrating behavioral/mental health services within existing public health home visiting programs.

InterMountain Education Service District — IMESD Wellness Hub Care Coordination

A collaborative effort — in **Morrow, Umatilla, and Union** counties — of school districts in the IMESD service areas and local agencies to provide equitable access to mental health and wellness services for at-risk students and families. The project proposes to intervene early in a child's educational career to prevent obstacles in future success.

Lost & Found Youth Outreach (Cornerstone Community Church) — Alternative/Charter School and Lost & Found Partnership

Build relationships with at-risk youth in **Umatilla County** to improve students' mental health by reducing depression, suicide and violence, as well as reduce and/or quit smoking, abusing alcohol and drugs, and to invest in their own academic success.

New Directions Northwest — Trauma Informed Therapeutic Classroom (Journeys)

Continue implementation in **Baker County** of the innovative trauma informed classroom embedded within an elementary school. The program serves students in grades K-6. Intensive mental health services are provided in the school and home to build resiliency with youth and family.

Oregon Family Support Network — Reach Out Oregon

Fill a gap in services and support in **Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook** counties for families with mental health challenges by strengthening community-based and peer-to-peer support and information sharing; grant support will pilot the program.

Oregon Pediatric Improvement Project (OPIP) — Follow-up Pathways for Young Children Identified in Primary Care at-risk for Social-Emotional Delays

Ensure that young children and their families in **Columbia and Clatsop** counties get the behavioral health and specialty infant and early childhood supports they need, helping them to thrive and develop their social-emotional capacity.

Pioneer Relief Nursery — Baby College

Support the Pendleton-based relief nursery's Baby College and Respite Program in **Umatilla County**, providing parent and child access to nine-week programs. The relief nursery model intervenes to prevent child abuse and neglect, working to strengthen families while keeping their children safe.

Tillamook Family Counseling Center — Project ABLE Therapeutic Behavior Classroom

Maintain a therapeutic behavior classroom in **Tillamook County** for students who struggle in traditional classroom settings. In partnership with Tillamook Family Counseling Center, the classroom will be staffed with a qualified mental health professional and a special education teacher.

Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery — Toddler Therapeutic Early Childhood Program

Help at-risk children in **Malheur County** ages 18-25 months heal from the effects of toxic stress and trauma, building their social-emotional skills to help ensure future resiliency while helping their parents to understand child development and the importance of modeling responsive relationships.

Umatilla County Human Services — RISE Program

Integrate behavioral health prevention services into all schools in **Umatilla County**. The purpose is to offer primary and secondary prevention service to students to improve overall emotional and mental health, and eliminate barriers to learning that students may experience.

Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness — Early Bird Program

Provide early detection and treatment of mental health problems in **Wallowa County** in the most vulnerable children ages birth to 6 years and their families in an effort to prevent more serious and long-term mental health problems.

About GOBHI

Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc., headquartered in The Dalles, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that is a National Committee for Quality Assurance accredited Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization and is charged with administering all or part of the behavioral health Medicaid benefit in 17 rural and frontier counties in Oregon. GOBHI is a co-owner of the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, and is responsible for the administration and oversight of behavioral health services for Columbia Pacific CCO.

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