

Breaking the cycle of poverty has its barriers

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Some numbers from a recently-released report by The Ford Family Foundation and Oregon State University, "Oregon by the Numbers" should not surprise Josephine County residents. The percentage of our residents experiencing food insecurity, at 16.5 is second greatest among Oregon counties.

We avoided top place only due to Lake County, which beats us by a mere 0.3 percent.

In child poverty, we drop down the list to fifth highest. But before shouting "hurray!" note that it means well over a quarter of our children, 27.3 percent, are living in poverty. **Bottom line:** We are a very poor county.

But what does it take to break out of the cycle of poverty?

Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Director of Self-Sufficiency Programs Kim Fredlund and Deputy Administrator of Program Design Bill Baney said they have been working hard over the last few years to change the way they engage with individuals and families in recognition of the complexity of poverty and the systemic barriers encountered by the individuals and families. There are 21 different factors, grouped under four headings - family stability, well-being, education and workplace - that they look at in order to determine what a family's needs are.

Fredlund added, "If we are offering a cookie cutter model where everybody gets the same thing, there are people who need different things ... it's really about connecting

with each individual and finding out what are the challenges they're having and how do we overcome those challenges together as a team." Baney and Fredlund noted that, to reflect the change in emphasis, they have changed the title of staff from case managers to family coaches.

The agency's Jobs Plus program addresses two of the factors affecting self-sufficiency: lack of job experience and lack of training.

"We actually work with employers to get them a job," said Fredlund, "where they're getting paid by the employer and there's a six month engagement where they work in a position and we reimburse the employer ... It's a good deal for the employer and it's a good deal for the customer because they're getting that work experience. And a lot of them turn into jobs with those companies or in that same industry."

But serious, systemic challenges remain. According to Mary Wolf, director of Child Care Resource Network of Jackson and Josephine counties, there is not a single, licensed child care provider in the Illinois Valley. And even in the county as a whole, there is a dearth of licensed child care providers.

The experience of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) client Miranda Clemans, who resides in the Illinois Valley and has a 2-year old child, is all too common:

"I was this close to having a stable job at Best Western as a housekeeper. I actually worked three days. But lack of child care made it so I had to quit. They were either too full or didn't do weekends."

Clemans further noted that TANF would only subsidize her child care at the rate of \$2.40 an

hour. "I would have had to pay another \$8 per hour in addition to the \$2.40 to make it worthwhile to pay a baby-sitter. I would have ended up just making \$2 an hour."

According to Fredlund, all 36 of Oregon's counties are considered "child care deserts," based on the discrepancy between the number of working families with children and the number of child care providers. She attributes this lack primarily to two factors: First, as the economy has gotten better, and there are more jobs available for people to take, there are less people interested in trying out the child care business. Fredlund added she has heard that many who are already in the business are leaving it because they can't make a living wage.

Second, TANF federal funding was reauthorized a few years ago, and as part of that, there was an increased licensing requirement, so that the "friends, family and neighbors" who would typically provide baby-sitting services now need to go through the training and background check requirements to become licensed.

Interestingly, the dearth of child care, especially in rural areas, is not unique to Oregon. According to a recent *Washington Post* story, 42 percent of children younger than five live in parts of the country considered child care deserts.

Fredlund said that one of the things being discussed at the state level now is how to help raise child care reimbursement rates. But although child care monies now come from a combination of state and federal funds, any additional funds would have to come from the state alone.

Self Sufficiency Programs
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
JOBS Program and Family Support & Connections
Employment Related Day Care (ERDC)
Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS)
Refugee Program
Youth Services Program

Self-Sufficiency Programs Average Served Per Month (2017)		
	Illinois Valley	All Josephine County
SNAP		
Able-bodied adults, no children	906	4,946
Families	1,761	8,241
Total children & adults	3,119	15,879
TANF		
Families	118	1,044
Total children & adults	318	2,809

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Illinois Valley Lions
 46th Annual - LABOR DAY FESTIVAL
 September 1, 2, 3, 2018
 Jubilee Park, Cave Junction, Oregon
 THEME: "SUMMER'S LAST BLAST"

BOOTH PARTICIPATION ENTRY FORM

There will be NO Raffles allowed

Check Those that Apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Business/Individuals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Profit Organization	
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 Jubilee Park, Cave Junction, Oregon
 Parade Chairman: Marty Haynie 541-538-8298
 THEME: "SUMMER'S LAST BLAST"

Official Parade Application
 Parade assembles at Evergreen School on Monday, September 3rd at 8:30am. Parade starts at 10am sharp.

Check one or more categories for your parade entry:

<input type="checkbox"/> Music (youth band)	<input type="checkbox"/> Music (adult band)	<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/> Marching
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Club/Organization (Adult)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuff Truck
<input type="checkbox"/> Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> Tractor
<input type="checkbox"/> Classic Auto (1950 +)	<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Auto (Pre-1949)	<input type="checkbox"/> Custom Auto
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