

## Metro is looking for citizens . . .

. . . who want to be liaisons to their communities for the regional government.

Metro - the Metropolitan Service District - is looking for 38 citizens to serve on its Committee for Citizen Involvement. The committee will advise Metro's Regional Policy Advisory Committee on how to best involve citizens in regional planning activities.

Of the 38 positions to be filled, 19 will be regular members and 19 will serve as alternates. The committee will consist of citizens Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

Initially, terms will be from one to three years, with terms ultimately being for three years.

Final appointment to the committee will be made by the Metro Council.

Citizens who want to serve on the committee must:

- Live in either Clackamas, Multnomah or Washington counties.
- Be willing to commit to the time involved in attending regular, special and subcommittee meetings.
- Represent the interests of their constituency.
- Fill out an application.

Deadline for submitting completed forms is 5 p.m. July 24.

For an application or for more information, contact:

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## 5th Year Celebration Picnic Slated By Stay Clean Inc.

In celebration of 5 years in the community Stay Clean Inc. is hosting a free to the public Picnic and fund-raiser at Peninsula Park Saturday June 27th from noon to seven p.m.

This years event is dedicated to the memory of Donald McMillian founder of Inside-Outside People predecessor to Stay Clean Inc. and Herbert Brown who recently past, who along with Thomas Mason founded the present Stay Clean Inc. organization. The theme of the picnic is Love Conquers All.

Free barbecue chicken hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided. There will be speakers from the community as well as free entertainment. Scheduled to appear are the Calvin Walker Revue, Izaya, The Arnold Brothers, and others.

Stay Clean Inc. is a non-profit drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility based in N.E. Portland. It receives little help from government agencies or corporations.

According to spokes person Ron

Jimmerson, Stay Clean Inc. endeavors are to change the behavior of the practicing addict from the inside to the outside.

He states that StayClean Inc. is a spiritual program that attempts to turn the lives of their clients around by espousing that philosophy. The picnic serves as an opportunity to give something back to the community.

## PCC Steps to Success Program Announces New Location

Steps to Success Program, North/Northeast, a training and placement program for low-income clients receiving assistance from the state of Oregon, has moved its offices to 4317 N. E. Emerson. New number is 281-0495.

The program was previously located in two sites -- the Urban League of Portland and Immaculate Heart community School.

"The move allows for a consolidation of services and we will now be better able to serve our clients more effectively," said Constance Carley, Steps to Success executive director.

The Steps to Success Program, begun in the fall of 1990, is part of a state-wide Jobs (Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills) Employment and training program. The goal is to provide employment and training services to low income adults to assist them in securing long-term employment.

Services include a four-week career and life planning class, basic skills and GED training, vocational and on-the-job and job-placement assistance.

According to Carley, year-to-date figures for the program show 331 individuals placed in employment with a 72 percent retention rate after 90 days. The program is averaging 30 placements a month.

"We're pleased with those statistics," said Carley, "in light of the economic picture here in Oregon and elsewhere. Bottom line, our students are now making a better living wage and are better able to support themselves."

Average entry-five percent of all hires receive medical and dental benefits.

"We look at the salary as a step, not a dead end," said Regena Warren, supervisor of employer services for the Steps to Success Program. "We emphasize that it is not the only place they will be or stay."

Warren notes that Adult and Family Services provides child care, based on income, for students who are employed.

Steps to Success partner agencies include Mt. Hood Community College, Adult and Family Services, state of Oregon Employment Division and the Private Industry Council.

Currently, 60 students are on work-experience sites at locations such as the YWCA, area chambers of commerce, Neil Kelly Designers/Remodelers, Nike, Inc., Holladay Park Medical Center, the Donald E. Long Home, Oregon Health Sciences University.

The program is designed for individuals with children.

Currently, 85 percent of the students are women; 15 percent are men. The income of the majority of students is at 75 percent of federal poverty-level

figures. Carley is emphatic about the Steps to Success student profile and said most of the participants are motivated to succeed.

"There's a general public misconception (of individuals who) for one reason or another, end up needing help. When you look at national studies, however," Carley said, referring to a recent study by the Manpower Research Development Corporation, "only 15 percent are long-term recipients. Most welfare cases are closed within one year."

Carley called Oregon a "Leader in the Jobs program. We're one of a few states in the country who have been able to match federal funds."

However, the ability to qualify for the full amount of federal funds available may be jeopardized by state cuts due to the passage of Measure 5, according to Pamela Transue, executive dean of PCC's Open Campus.

"We have had to cut back our program for the coming year by approximately 21 percent," said Transue.

"Unfortunately, this will translate to fewer students served," she added.

Effective July 1, four teaching and counseling positions will be eliminated. For more information, please contact Constance Carley, Steps to Success Program, 281-0495.

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## The Black United Fund Of Oregon to Hold Monthly Community Forum

The Black United Fund of Oregon will hold its monthly community Forum on Tuesday, June 30, 1992, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at U. S. Bank's Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch located at 5505 NE M.L. King Jr. Blvd.

This month's workshop titled "Developing Your Marketing Strategy" will be presented by McKinley Williams, President, Progressive Communications, Inc. This workshop will present strategies and techniques on how to present your organization to the public in a positive manner. Topics will include creating a positive relationship with the press, and how to successfully utilize marketing tools such as brochures and newsletters.

McKinley Williams, holds a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Occidental College in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Williams has over ten years experience as a consultant in private practice. His clients include Portland General Electric Corporation, Portland State University, Portland Public Schools, American Red Cross and The Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Anyone wishing to attend should call John A. Cowley at 282-7973. There is a \$5.00 registration fee. The registration deadline is June 26, 1992.

## Phase Down Of Federal Unemployment Benefits Begins

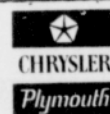
The federal emergency unemployment benefits program that has been available to unemployed Oregon workers since November 1991 is beginning a phase down period, according to state Employment Division officials.

Congress is currently considering legislation that would extend the program until April of 1993, but no bill has been passed for the President's signature. Under the provisions of the program, Oregonians who file for emergency benefits after June 14 will be eligible for 20 weeks of benefits, rather than the 33 weeks previously available.

The federal emergency benefits program ends July 4, 1992. The division will continue to accept applications after this time pending action by Congress to continue the program. Payments will continue after July 4 until claimants run out of benefits or until there is a break in payment, after which no further benefits are payable.

Notices are being sent to those individuals who will be affected by the phase down. Unemployed workers who need additional information about the federal emergency benefits program should contact their local Employment Division office.

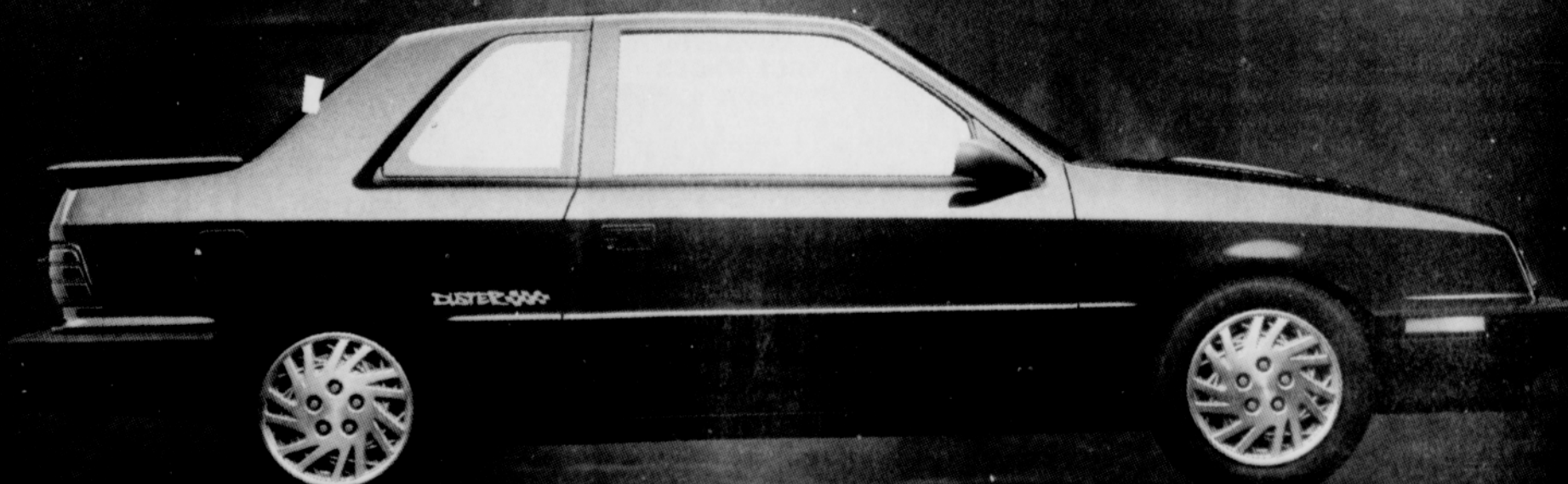
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