

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Gets Backing In Governor's Budget; "Readiness To Learn" Also A Priority

With one in twenty 15-17 year old girls pregnant in Oregon, the state's largest umbrella advocacy group serving youth has targeted teen pregnancy prevention as a top funding request.

Governor Barbara Roberts has embraced the request in her 1993-95 Mandated Budget, adding \$375,000 to the Oregon Children and Youth Service Commission's \$1.14 million teen pregnancy prevention proposal, with a focus on youth 9-12.

"We are heartened at the Governor's understanding of how important this issue is and how crucial the need for prevention," said Sue Cameron, of Tillamook, member of the State Commission. "Teen pregnancy is connected to a host of other urgent issues facing our young: homelessness, poverty, juvenile delinquency, child abuse, alcohol abuse, and high school drop-outs. Plus, once the teens become moms, there are so many other concerns for our

communities: child care, youth employment, parenting education, and health care."

Governor Roberts' Mandated Budget recommendation also provides funding at requested levels for the Commission's effort to assure that by kindergarten age, every Oregon child is healthy and prepared to begin school-satisfying the state's "Readiness to Learn" benchmark.

"This will revitalize our 'Great Start' early childhood education efforts," said Commission Chair Merri Souther Wyatt, of Portland. "We know that many in the Legislature, like the Governor, appreciate the impact these funds have made."

Under the Governor's Budget, counties will receive \$25.3 million through the State commission for children and youth services. This represents approximately 1 percent of the total Human Resources Budget.

"We see the Governor's recommendation as a ringing endorsement of our unique way of doing business-reinventing government," said Souther Wyatt. "For the hundreds of citizen volunteers on our local commissions in each of Oregon's 36 counties, this is the best way to say thank you for a job well done."

Each year, the children and Youth Commission leverages approximately \$16 million within the private and public sectors in support of Commission programs, financed initially through the State General Fund. "No other state agency anywhere and certainly not many other state commissions can point to facts like that," observed Souther Wyatt. "It demonstrates the strength of community backing for Commission efforts to provide quality child care, teen parent programs, child abuse prevention, curbs on juvenile delinquency, youth employment and many other vital needs."

New Traffic Devices To Discourage Drug Activity, Improve Liveability

A group of neighbors and city officials will hold a news conference tomorrow to mark the start of pilot project that uses street closures, speed bumps, and other traffic management devices to discourage auto traffic associated with drug activity and improve neighborhood liveability.

The group will sign a community policing partnership agreement regarding the project at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 10, at the fire station at 1905 N.E. Killingsworth. Scheduled speakers include Earl Blumhauer, Commissioner of Public Works, Kate Hussein, N.E. 14th Place Block Watch, Kevin Modica, Portland Police Bureau, and Chief George Monogue, Portland Fire Bureau.

The media is invited to inspect the newly installed traffic management devices after the 10 o'clock event. Neighbors and officials will be at the corner of Northeast 14th Place and Killingsworth, from 10:30 to 10:45 to answer questions.

Coors Hosts Reception For The 1992-93 SKI Season



Over 300 people were on hand to welcome in the 1992-93 ski season at a gala reception for the Atlanta based Southern Snow Seekers Ski Club. Each year Coors Brewing Company hosts a reception for the ski club and this year was quite special. 1993 marks the tenth year anniversary for one of the first African-American ski clubs in the country. The membership has grown from 10 people in 1983 to currently over 300 members.

The Southern Snow Seekers Ski club is a local non-profit organization whose primary goal is to promote the interest of skiing among minorities with emphasis on minority youth. The organization is affiliated with the National Brotherhood Skiers (NBS). The primary challenge of the NBS and the southern Snow Seekers Ski Club is to

find, select, and fund high potential youth capable of winning a berth on the U.S. Ski Team.

During the 1992-93 season the club plans to spend about \$24,000 on youth skiing activities. This includes an ambitious plan to take 15 youth to Gray Rocks in Canada during the Thanksgiving holiday; 20 youth to Cattanoochee in North Carolina; 30 youth to Beech or Sugar mountain in North Carolina; 10 youth to the NBS Summit in Colorado; and 15 youth to Maine to the NBS Eastern Region Winterfest.

This season's grand event will be the Summit '93 in Vail Colorado which will include all of the African American ski clubs across the country. For more information about the Southern Snow Seekers and their upcoming ski calendar call (404) 368-2848.

New Board Members Appointed To The Private Industry Council

Michael R. Sandoval and Patience F. Talcott were recently appointed to the board of directors of The Private Industry Council (TPIC), a private, non-profit organization providing employment and training services to low-income residents of Multnomah and Washington counties.

Sandoval comes to the board of The Private Industry Council as a strong advocate for the Hispanic community. In addition to his primary occupation as the principal attorney in the Law Office of Michael R. Sandoval, Sandoval recently completed a three-year term on the board of directors of the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement.

As president and founder of nationally-recognized Northwest Temporary Services (Northwest Temporary Services was named the 60th fastest

growing company in the United States in 1990 by INC Magazine.), Talcott brings considerable experience as an employment specialist to her position on the board. Additionally, she serves on the board of directors of the Arthritis Foundation and is a current board member of the Oregon Association of Temporary Services, acting as president during the fiscal year 1990-1991.

Both Sandoval and Talcott are expected to make significant contributions to The Private Industry Council's mission of promoting individual self-sufficiency and a skilled workforce by eliminating barriers to productive employment.

Since its incorporation in 1987, The Private Industry Council has placed more than 8,500 individuals in unsubsidized, private sector jobs.

Medical Society Launches System To Provide Free Health Information

Multnomah County Medical Society (MCMS) today announced the launching of HealthCall, a new health-message system which offers free health information to all residents of the greater Portland metropolitan area. Funding for HealthCall is provided in part by a \$25,000 grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon (BCBSO) to MCMS.

HealthCall features nearly 200 different pre-recorded health and health-related messages available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Topics include information about medical conditions and diseases and suggestions about how to remain healthy. Each tape is three to seven minutes long and has been thoroughly reviewed by local health-care professionals. New messages will be added based on interest.

MCMS President and Emergency Medicine Specialist Greg B. Lorts, MD, says this new information system comes at the right time. "It replaces our old Tel-Med system which had become quite dated in technology and information and fills a void left by Dial-A-Nurse recently abandoned by the Portland Adventist Hospital & Medical Center," said Lorts. "There's really nothing like it in the area. Most users will find this a treasure trove of information."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon has been a longtime supporter of

health education efforts in cooperation with MCMS. The company supports efforts which provide convenient public access to health information. BCBSO was a major sponsor of Tel-Med, the system which preceded HealthCall.

Hardware and software were supplied by the Canadian firm Telenomics, an established leader in the automated call processing industry. Corky Coreson of The Coreson Co. and a well-known professional voice provided free service in producing new tapes for the system.

The goal of MCMS and their HealthCall system is to provide accurate and useful information on a variety of health-related topics, which callers can use to assist them in making better decisions about their health and recognize early signs of illness. The system is not intended, however, as a replacement for callers' family doctors, and MCMS urges callers to seek their physicians' help when they need medical advice or attention.

The HealthCall health-messages system can be accessed by calling 248-9855. A list of health-related topics is available by calling MCMS at 222-9977. The 108-year-old Multnomah County Medical Society is a professional organization representing nearly 2,000 physicians in the Portland-metropolitan area.

Athletic Scholarships

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be all state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them

step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For information on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a #10 self addressed, stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

Chili Cooks Wanted For Zoo Cookoff

The twelfth annual Great Northwest Chili Cookoff benefiting Metro Washington Park Zoo will be held February 20 at Memorial Coliseum.

Contestants are being sought to participate in the cookoff with thirty places available.

Chili teams will compete in three categories: best chili, people's choice and showmanship. Best chili will be judged on the basis of contestants' recipes. People's choice will be determined by visitors who taste and Vote for their favorite chilies. Showmanship awards will be based on team entertainment, theme and spirit.

Official entry forms are available at the zoo by phone (226-1561), mail or FAX (226-6836). A panel of food economists will select the top teams to participate. Deadline for receipt of completed forms at the zoo is midnight on Monday, January 4. Booth fee is \$40 and will be refunded to those applicants who are not accepted for the cookoff.

Contestants will set up their booths starting at 8:00 a.m. and begin food preparation at 11:00 a.m.

The cookoff is sponsored by Dairy Farmers of Oregon, KUPL 98.5FM/1330AM, Northwest Natural Gas Company and Oregon Beef Council.

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These art programs will give the entire family an opportunity to develop their artistic talents. The Cradles program focuses on children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 12 years of age, the trade program (13-18) and the paint program is for parents that would like to work on an art project with their child or children.

Aside from developing artistic talents the Cradles and trade program also cultivates self-esteem and self-empowerment through the artistic exercises developed for this course. These art programs will be a complement to other educational activities that the child may participate in and should be a required course for families that are concerned about their children academic achievements.

The varied approaches to developing self-esteem will provide the young person involved a well rounded and exciting group of activities, that will make learning fun and rewarding. The course of study will challenge the student to think through negative situations to reach positive conclusions.

The course periods are 5 weeks in duration. At the end of each course the works produced during the period will be put on display with the public invited to participate in the viewing.

Lazarus art society, INC and community learning center is interested in providing a creative artistic outlet within the minority community thru active promotion of working artists and extensive outreach and instruction to children and senior citizens.

This project with Community Learning Center and Lazarus Art Society, Inc. confirms there are positive, constructive activities in which children may get involved in the northeast community. Activities that are fun and educational.

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