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### HEALTH CARE COALITION OF SOUTHERN OREGON AWARDED MULTI-MILLION GRANT FOR HEALTHY START

The Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon (HCCSO), a key partner organization with Southern Oregon Success, has received a 5-year, \$5.5 million federal Healthy Start Grant administered by HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Healthy Start aims to improve health outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy; and, to reduce disparities in rates of infant death as well as negative health outcomes in the first 18 months of life.

Healthy Start grants were awarded to 100 communities with infant mortality rates at least 1.5 times the U.S. national average, and with high rates of other negative maternal and infant outcomes. The program will target Josephine and Douglas Counties, with a special focus on reaching families in the most rural parts of these counties.



Health Care Coalition will work in collaboration with Community Health Clinics and WIC programs to deliver services in this region. Funding will support a wide range of services for women, children, and families, including: healthcare coordination; case management; linkage to social services; screening and counseling for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; breastfeeding support; reproductive life planning; child development education; and, parenting support. In addition, funding will strengthen the health workforce to provide such services, build a more effective and efficient service-delivery system, and promote and improve health equity across participating organizations.

Data from the National Center for Health Statistics shows that poor social conditions (e.g, poverty), maternal health behaviors (e.g., smoking), and disadvantaged community environments (e.g. less access to health care services) impact infant health and infant mortality. In 2013-2015, total infant and post-neonatal mortality rates were highest in rural counties. (Read more here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db300.pdf>)

"The goal of Healthy Start is to ensure that women experiencing high rates of poverty, limited access to care, and other socioeconomic factors can have healthy pregnancies and raise healthy children," said Maggie Sullivan, Executive Director of Health Care Coalition and member of the Southern Oregon Success Steering Committee. "Healthy Start aims to address the factors that can interfere with this goal and to provide every woman, child, and family with the best chances to thrive."

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## GRANDMAS2GO RECEIVING NATIONAL ATTENTION

A great partner organization in our region's efforts to help all children and families thrive, Grandmas2Go, is catching interest across the country. This remarkable group of volunteers is helping an increasing number of families. Check out this delightful article at [NextAvenue](#).

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## OPEN ACES TRAININGS COMING UP IN JACKSON & JOSEPHINE COUNTIES

IN MEDFORD:

An open training on the science of N.E.A.R. (Neurobiology, Epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience). Members of all agencies and the general public are welcome. The trainings are administered by Southern Oregon Success and supported by our local Coordinated Care Organizations—AllCare and Jackson Care



Connect—along with Options of Southern Oregon, Rogue Workforce Partnership and the SOESD. Peter Buckley from Southern Oregon Success (and the Southern Oregon ACEs Training Team) will be the lead presenter. All sessions take place at the SOESD, 101 North Grape Street in Medford.

Wednesday, April 17, 1 pm to 3 pm

Please register [here](#).

Wednesday, May 15, 1 pm to 3 pm

Please register [here](#).

Wednesday, June 19, 1 pm to 3 pm

Please register [here](#).

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IN GRANTS PASS:

Public Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES) Presentation

Dinner and Childcare provided (ages 3 to 10)

The Grants Pass School District is pleased to invite the Grants Pass community to public presentations on the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study, or ACES for short. This 90 minute presentation will cover what the study was, what we now know about the amazing ways we as humans adapt to our world, why ACES play a significant role in the quality of our health as adults, and most importantly, what we can do together to reduce adversity in our community and improve our overall health and quality of life.

We will serve a pizza dinner at 5:30 pm to everyone who can come. We will also be providing childcare for ages 3 to 10. We encourage you to bring your children to dinner. After dinner, our Grants Pass high school leadership students will be providing childcare for you. While they play, you can come to the presentation to learn about ACES, how it impacts most of us, and how we can become resilient through our adversity. The presentation will begin at 6 pm.

Interested? [Click here and let us know you are coming](#). You will get a confirmation email when you register for the event. No email? No problem. Give us a call at (541) 474-5715 (press 1 at the voice message).

Date and Location:

May 6 at Riverside Elementary (1200 SE Harvey Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526)



These presentations are open to the public.

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IN THE THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 11

6 pm to 7:30 pm at Hidden Valley High School

May 9

6 pm to 7:30 pm at Lorna Byrne Middle School

For more information: [jessica.durrant@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:jessica.durrant@threerivers.k12.or.us)

## **JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE OPENS RESOURCE CENTER**

As has happened in Josephine County, Jackson County Community Justice has changed the way individuals are released from custody upon completion of their sentence. Releases had been occurring at different times, including some as late as 2 am. Releases are now coordinated to take place at 8 am, and people released are offered a van ride to the Community Justice office in Medford, where a Resource Room has been set up to assist with successful re-entry into the community.

The room is staffed by Goodwill, DHS and others to see if basic needs are being addressed. There is also job counseling, with the agency having done outreach to employers (many in the fast food or hotel industries) who are willing to interview people with a record. This is a great example of community as one of the core protective systems of resilience.

## **RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: THE ILLINOIS VALLEY**



A "Caring Community" is growing in the Illinois Valley, a collaborative group who believe that by working together, they are best able to promote healthy living for young children and families. The group focuses on parent education, positive family friendly activities, school readiness and easy access to resources.

Members of the Caring Community include Evergreen Elementary School, Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, Illinois Valley Family Coalition, DHS Self-Sufficiency, Early Head Start, the Family Connection, Project Baby Check, the Pregnancy Center, Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, AllCare and Healthy U.

Any group or individual working in the collaboration's focus areas is welcome to join, as long as they are able to attend 6 or 7 of the Caring Community's 10 meetings each year and have passed criminal background checks before engaging with the public. The group typically meets 8:30 am to 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of the month, expect for July and January.

For more information, be sure to like the [Caring Community on Facebook](#) (and take note of the Pet Parade coming up on May 4) or call Nicole Rensenbrink at Healthy U at 541-592-4888.

This is what resilience communities are all about!

## OPEN HOUSE FOR ONTRACK ROGUE VALLEY

OnTrack Rogue Valley invites you to its spring Open House on Friday, May 10 from 11 AM – 2 PM. The location is 300 West Main Street in Medford (corner of Holly St and West Main Street.) OnTrack recently consolidated its Medford outpatient adult services into the 300 West Main St building. Food and drink and tours of the building will be provided!

## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

The Facebook page for Southern Oregon Success features almost daily postings of events taking place in our region and information shared from all over as part of our learning community efforts on what works and what doesn't in helping kids and families thrive.

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