



Program Overview

Lincoln County, located on the central Oregon coast, was once a thriving timber and fishing county, however regulatory changes influenced an industrial shift and for many years now the county's primary industry has been hospitality and tourism with many small businesses comprising the county's economic base. Unemployment rates are very high and seasonally fluctuating, wages are low and families who are working do not have enough quality child care options in the community. Clearly the Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County's afterschool programs are one of the safest and most valuable resources for hundreds of children and youth in Lincoln County.

The Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County (YDC) emerged in May of 2003 when a committed group of providers, local nonprofits and community agencies came together over concerns about unsustainable afterschool and summer programs. In their determination to maintain existing programs and encourage and mentor new programs, they leveraged resources, skills, experience, and talents of all programs and began their journey to create and sustain out-of-school time care for Lincoln County children and families. Programs occur in city parks & recreation centers, program centers, housing site community centers, resort type camp centers, older youth work experience programs, as well as on farms, school based centers, in the Extension office, and at the local fairgrounds (4-H Programs).

In 2010, the Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County report current membership and average numbers of youth served per month as follows:

- **Lincoln City Parks and Recreation (100)**
- **Oceanspray Family Centers (provides programs in 4 affordable housing sites including Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo, Yachats (100)**
- **Neighbors for Kids, Kid's Zone, Depoe Bay (65)**
- **Bnai' B'rith Camp, Lincoln City (50)**
- **Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program (60)**
- **Newport Parks & Recreation Department (100)**
- **Community Services Consortium (150)**
- **4-H Youth Development Programs (85)**
- **Lincoln Commission on Children and Families**
- **Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse**
- **Child Care Resource and Referral**
- **HELP (Homeless Education and Literacy Project)**

YDCLC has received grants from Lincoln County, the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, Lincoln County Cultural Trust, and Bank of the West, Let There Be Arts, Juan Young Trust, and Lincoln County Commission on Children & Families; all of which has supported collaborative arts, music, boating and educational projects countywide. In addition the local Early Childhood Coordinating Council has provided funding for high-quality staff training and other YDC collaborations have lead to more affordable local trainings opportunities.

Fast Facts

- 64% of the 4,715 students in Lincoln County qualify for free and reduced lunch
- There are 600 families living in affordable housing units in Lincoln County and many more families are in need of affordable housing and cannot find it so are forced to double up or simply “couch surf” to ensure they have heat and a bed
- More than 8% of the 5,000 students in the school district are homeless and the county has significant social service needs due to poverty, child abuse, substance abuse, and domestic violence
- Lincoln County Food Share and the Lincoln County School District provide free summer lunches

Promising Practices

- Founded on Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets, the Coalition members have continued to build on best practices in programming and policy areas
- Adhoc members of YDCLC offer guidance and support to disseminate current findings from research and best practice programs in an effort to replicate
- Coalition membership has been consistent and most programs have been continually high quality programs because of members’ commitment to ensure access to affordable and regular professional development opportunities for administrators and board members as well as line staff
- Member organizations are able to maintain autonomy and still benefit from collaborative funding opportunities with other coalition members such as members accident and liability insurance
- Through hard work and commitment YDCLC member organizations have been able to build consensus, trust, partnership, and coalition building
- The coalition has just published an excellent new Resource Guide for parents or youth looking to get connected and it’s available at www.ydclc.org
- Now in their 7th year, the passion, commitment and benefits to Lincoln County youth have remained foremost and intact. The motto of the Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County is that they are committed to making Lincoln County a positive place for youth by “Connecting Kids and Community”