

## What are We Working On?

- ◆ FESN is actively working on improving the availability of child care for parents participating in parenting trainings and education.
- ◆ A website has been developed that allows providers to post their parent education and support trainings and activities on an online database so families, caregivers, and other providers can find you.
- ◆ Network members are developing and implementing strategies that focus on improving access to parent education trainings and activities and seeking collaborative-based initiatives that address issues facing families.



## Family Education & Support Network

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### *Vision*

The **Family Education and Support Network's** vision is to empower and advocate for families by developing a sustainable and collaborative network of parenting providers, resources and opportunities available to everyone.

### *Mission*

To develop a comprehensive strength-based support network that parents, organizations and other leaders may access to improve the lives of families.

### *Project*

A network of providers who work to enhance the ability of parents and caregivers to stimulate, protect and nurture children and youth.



*Collaboration  
Networking  
Innovation  
Support*

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# Who Are We?



The Family Education and Support Network is a multi-faceted, regional network of providers who work to enhance the ability of parents and caregivers to stimulate, protect and nurture children and youth. The FESN is working to change the culture of parenting and child/youth development in order to lower the incidences of child abuse and neglect, increase effective parenting and improve family health and well-being. By uniting organizations across the tri-county region (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington Counties of Oregon), the Network coordinates parent education trainings, strengthens linkages amongst providers and improves access to support for all families.

This comprehensive network includes components targeting all parents, caregivers and professionals involved in the healthy development of children, youth and families.

## Guiding Principles

- \* **C**ollaboration
- \* **A**cknowledgement and acceptance of cultural differences
- \* **R**educe stigma to participation is support services
- \* **E**ducation
- \* **S**upporting Families
- \* **I**nclusiveness
- \* **S**ustainability
- \* **U**niversal Access
- \* **A**dvocacy
- \* **E**mpowerment

## You Possess the Knowledge and Ideas

FESN is looking for providers who want to be involved in innovative collaborative-based projects.

FESN meets regularly to implement strategies it has developed to address the complex issues facing families in our region.

To learn more, visit our website at

[www.clackamas.us/ocf/fesn](http://www.clackamas.us/ocf/fesn)

or call the Clackamas County Office for Children and Families at

(503) 650-5680.



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