

Family Resource and Child Development Center

Where children and families flourish



The Family Resource and Child Development Center will serve children with special needs. Right now, thousands of children in our community are suffering from trauma, post-traumatic stress, intellectual and physical disabilities – and unable to receive the services they need.



It is often difficult for the parents of these children to access services due to lack of service integration, transportation to various parts of the county where services are located, need to schedule services around school and work, and lack of knowledge about which services are needed, available, accessible and affordable. **Many parents of children with special needs are over burdened, stressed and need support to protect and nurture their children.** Some are foster parents seeking to help a child recover after neglect. Public school teachers of children with special needs sometimes find it challenging to locate and access services, materials and equipment that children need to thrive and flourish.

“Children with special needs, and the families that love them, need to have integrated, accessible resources to maintain that child’s health and the wholistic health of the family. Collaboration between services, agencies, health providers, and financial navigation is essential, and this Center will fill a desperately needed void in Marion County.”

-Pat Olson
Parent of Special Needs Child

The Center is designed to **help children with special needs and their families and teachers by bringing together services and care providers in a single, convenient and accessible location.** On-premises services will include mental health services, classrooms, meeting spaces, offices for providers, and space for community gatherings.



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“Anytime we can support our children from birth to school age with strategic collaborative partners, our students will be school-ready and prepared to thrive in a community that cares deeply about them and their success.”

-Christy Perry
Superintendent, Salem-Keizer Public Schools

The promise of the Center is to help children with special needs to thrive and flourish, increase their success at school and in the community, strengthen family resilience, reduce the incidence of disrupted foster care placements, improve collaboration and services integration among health care professionals, social service providers and educators, reduce service duplication, and increase accessibility.



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