



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

HERE IS A LIST OF WAYS TO CARE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

CARING FOR KIDS

Every Child offers many ways for community members to love, care for, and support vulnerable children and their families. Together, we are transforming Lane County through radical and unprecedented support for this crisis. EVERY CHILD NEEDS YOU!



Babysitting & Respite Care

(several hours - several days)

Be on the Every Child List of Volunteers and we will send you opportunities to connect with and care for children in foster care. OR you can also be on the DHS respite list to be connected to families!

Short-Term Shelter Care

(several hours - up to 20 days)

Caring for children in foster care temporarily when a long-term placement is unavailable or the DHS office is closed.

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Adoptive Parent

(forever family!)

It is our heart that all children are reunited with their families when able and safe to do so. It is also our heart that EVERY CHILD has a place to call home.

Long-Term Foster Care

(several days - 2 years)

Providing a home for a child in foster care until they can be reunified with a birth parent, family member, or adopted.

Every Child Needs You!

HELPING HANDS

We know not everyone can become a foster parent, so we've created multiple on-ramps to get involved in other ways. We invite your time, talent, and treasures to join with us.

VOLUNTEER:



Special Events

Creating fun memories are an important part of every childhood. Volunteer at special events to help provide fun, memory-making moments to brighten up a child's life.

TANGIBLE NEEDS

Welcome Boxes

Boxes provide children in foster care with activities, snacks, and special items during a time of crisis in a DHS office, long journeys to a new home, or a day in court.



DHS Appreciation

Caring for vulnerable children means supporting those on the front lines who work with these children. Deliver treats, plan appreciation events, write thank you notes, and more.



Tangible Goods

Continuous urgent needs arise for children and families. Provide special items by sharing from your extra resources. Together, as a community, we can meet these needs.

EVERY CHILD NEEDS YOU. Get Involved!

Sign Up through Every Child's Website and we will be happy to connect you! Visit EveryChildLane.org and click "Join Every Child" to fill out the short form. Be sure to indicate "Lane County." Or contact info@everychildlane.org.



What Is Every Child?

Lane County Initiative



THE NEED

THE STATE OF CHILD WELFARE IN LANE COUNTY

1,520 CHILDREN SPENT AT LEAST ONE DAY IN FOSTER CARE IN LANE COUNTY **499** CERTIFIED FOSTER HOMES

64% Children had multiple placements under DHS protection *2015 Child Welfare Data Book & 2010 U.S. Religion Census

3,921+

Reports of abuse or neglect that required a DHS investigation. Without support, these families may require future DHS intervention.



TOP 5 REASONS KIDS ENTER CARE IN LANE COUNTY:

1. Neglect abuse
2. Parent drug abuse
3. Parent's inability to cope
4. Abandonment/Relinquishment
5. Physical abuse

EVERY CHILD LANE COUNTY'S MISSION

Across Lane County, children with hopes, dreams, insecurities and fears await safe, healthy homes where they can flourish. Every Child recruits and trains caring community members in Lane County to love, care for, and support vulnerable children and their families.

Prevention: Let's join hands with vulnerable families before they hit their breaking point. (Safe Families)

We dream of a day when the number of children entering foster care would significantly decrease because of strong support for struggling families.

Meeting Needs: We invite your time, talent and treasures to tangibly engage with us. (Tangible Needs)

We dream of day when the physical needs of children in foster care would be met, immediately, unconditionally, and in excess.

Hospitality: Caring for vulnerable children means supporting those on the front lines. Hospitality encourages! Join our movement of generosity.

We dream of a day when every DHS staff would feel appreciated and supported, and have the luxury of strategically placing children in foster care with a family best suited to meet the child's individual needs.

Caring for Kids: We are determined to mobilize safe, nurturing places for children to flourish. (Caring For Kids)

We dream of a day when there would be a waiting list of foster families rather than a backlog of children entering care; a day when every sibling set would be able to stay together during their time in care.

Training: Children need us, so let's get trained in best practices as we reach out.

We dream of a day when every person who interacts with children has been thoroughly trained in "Best Practices" so that children in Lane County have the best opportunity to thrive in every aspect of life.

The Every Child initiative exists to ask Oregonians to transform their community through radical and unprecedented support of children and families in crisis. Lane County is our home and we have a privileged responsibility to step in and help the most vulnerable.

