

# ***SOUTHERN OREGON SUCCESS UPDATE***

July 2021

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## **LOCAL LEGISLATORS COME THROUGH WITH PROJECTS & FUNDING FOR SOUTHERN OREGON**

Southern Oregon legislators on both sides of the aisle worked together during the 2021 Legislative session to identify projects and funding needs in our region and to direct funds at an unprecedented level to meet those needs.

The combination of project, wildfire and infrastructure funding is the result of significant federal COVID relief investments, along with funding directly from our state budget.

Support for local communities:

- City of Phoenix Public Safety Building - \$13,600,000
- Firefighter apprenticeships to the Jackson County Fire District - \$2,000,000
- Jackson County, special districts and cities property tax loss - \$2,829,073
- United Way of Jackson County for Affordable Home Ownership - \$200,000
- Rogue River School District for the Rogue River Wimer Wellness Center - \$3,000,000

Financial assistance for building and planning departments' staffing needs:

- Jackson County - \$710,000
- City of Phoenix - \$677,755

- City of Talent - \$280,000

Grants to local governments for the critical drinking water, storm water, and sanitary sewer projects:

- \$3,000,000 for the City of Ashland for Talent, Ashland, and Phoenix intertie improvements
- \$5,000,000 for the City of Phoenix Charlotte Ann Water District disbanding transition costs
- \$2,700,000 for the City of Medford SW Medford water and sewer infrastructure

Southern Oregon University (SOU) and Rogue Community College:

- Southern Oregon University (SOU) to demolish Cascades Hall - \$3,500,000
- Rogue Community College, Transportation Technology Center - \$7,120,000

The 2021-23 budget contains about \$600 million for wildfire recovery, prevention and response:

- Recovery in the regions hit in the September 2020 wildfires - approximately \$400,000,000
- Wildfire prevention and response activities (outlined in SB 762) - \$188,000,000

Legislators were able to direct funds from the American Rescue Plan Act specifically to their House and Senate districts. Here's where Jackson County legislators directed funds:

Legislator	Project	Recipient	Amount
Rep Marsh	Talent Maker City Permanent Location	Talent Maker City (nonprofit)	\$1.8 million
Rep Marsh	Applegate Valley Internet Accessibility	A Greater Applegate (nonprofit)	\$100,000
Rep Marsh	Green Springs Fire Protection Equipment	Greensprings Rural Fire District	\$100,000
Sen Golden	Coordinated Care Facility Replacement	Family Nurturing Center	\$1,400,000
Sen Golden	Equity in Learning Facilities	Armadillo Technical Institute	\$1,300,000
Sen Golden	Houseless relocation from Bear Creek Greenway to urban campground property	City of Medford	\$1,000,000

Sen Golden	Habitat for Humanity ReStore	Habitat for Humanity - Rogue Valley	\$300,000
Rep Stark	Eagle Point Economic Revitalization Project	City of Eagle Point	\$500,000
Rep Stark	Southern Oregon Strong Business Success Grants	The Chamber of Medford & Jackson County	\$1,000,000
Rep Stark	City of Central Point - Urban Renewal/Economic Dev.	City of Central Point	\$500,000
Rep Wallan	MURA Liberty Park Sidewalk Construction	City of Medford	\$250,000
Rep Wallan	Sidewalk Infill - Various near schools	City of Medford	\$1,000,000
Rep Wallan	South Stage Road Overcrossing Phase 2	City of Medford	\$700,000
Rep Wallan	United Way of Jackson County	United Way of Jackson County	\$50,000

We're tracking down the info on projects funded in Josephine County and will include the list in our next Update.

## **HIGHLIGHT: THE ROGUE RIVER WIMER WELLNESS CENTER**

It is especially exciting to see the bipartisan support resulting in the funding of \$3 million for the Rogue River Wimer Wellness Center. Rep. Duane Stark (R-Central Point) and Rep. Pam Marsh (D-Ashland) were instrumental in achieving the funding, with support from our full Southern Oregon delegation.

This project, which will bring much needed access to health care, behavioral health care and infant/toddler care to Rogue River, is the result of many years of effort by Rogue River Elementary School Principal Jamie Wright and a number of district and community volunteers.

The Rogue River School District is donating the property for the center. More information on the timeline for construction and the opening of the center is still to come.

This is outstanding news for the Rogue River community and our region as a whole.

## **SECOND PRESCHOOL/K12 ALIGNMENT SUMMIT COMING UP ON AUGUST 11 & 12**

The first Southern Oregon Early Learning Services (SOELS)/Southern Oregon Success Preschool/K12 Alignment Summit in April attracted 84 parents, early childhood educators, Kindergarten teachers and elementary school administrators to make connections, discuss challenges, and take steps forward to help all of our families, children, teachers and schools work together so all of our children can succeed in Kindergarten and beyond.

Our second Summit is scheduled for Part One on Wednesday, August 11 and Part Two on Thursday, August 12 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Summit sessions will take place via Zoom in order to allow as many participants as possible. Part One will continue our focus on social/emotional learning and how to effectively provide information and support for parents and caregivers. Part Two will feature a wide-ranging exchange of best practices for aligning early childhood and K12 efforts, and for helping to make the transition to Kindergarten a success for all.

All are welcome to participate! The greater community understanding and support of the tools for social/emotional learning, Kindergarten readiness and family-friendly practices, the more effective we will be in our goal of having all of our kids reach Kindergarten ready to thrive.

Every participant in the Summit receives a \$100 gift certificate from Scholastic Books, courtesy of our great partners at SOELS.

For more information, or to be included on the calendar invite for the Summit evenings, please email [peter\\_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org](mailto:peter_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org)

## **FREE PARENTING PROGRAMS AT THE FAMILY CONNECTION**

From <https://thefamilyconnect.org/families-parents/>

Parenting is hard work! As Southern Oregon's Parenting Hub, the Family Connection and the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative (OPEC) were founded to help. Please take advantage of our parenting classes, workshops, and events! Great parenting doesn't happen in isolation... Let's get connected.

Not sure where to start? You are in the right place! The Family Connection Parenting Programs are self sign-up class series with no eligibility. It is a free service to all families in southern Oregon.

## **Pre-register for Summer 2021 Programs:**

### **Mothers, Babies & Toddlers© Program**

6 sessions – Free Parenting Program & play-dates via ZOOM

(for pregnant and parenting moms of infants & toddlers)

July 14 – August 18, 2021

Wednesdays 8:30am-10am

**RSVP:** [tinyurl.com/mothersandbabies](https://tinyurl.com/mothersandbabies)

### **Boot Camp For New Dads©**

2nd Saturday of each month

9am – 12pm on ZOOM

**RSVP:** [gpbootcampfornewdads.com](https://gpbootcampfornewdads.com)

### **Active Parenting: First 5 Years©**

(for parents of children ages 0-5)

4 two-hour sessions on ZOOM

August 3 – August 24, 2021

Tuesdays 6pm-8pm

**Pre-RSVP:** [tinyurl.com/TFCparenting](https://tinyurl.com/TFCparenting)

### **Hacer de la Paternidad un Placer©**

(for Spanish speaking parents with children ages 0-10)

12 two-hour sessions on ZOOM

Dates and Times TBA

**RSVP:** [tinyurl.com/claseparapadres](https://tinyurl.com/claseparapadres)

### **Kindergarten Readiness Boxes**

**Sign up today:** [tinyurl.com/r5rntc8z](https://tinyurl.com/r5rntc8z)

The Family Connection: <https://thefamilyconnect.org/families-parents/>

## **REGIONAL FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL UP & RUNNING**

The Southern Oregon Regional Family Advisory Council, made up of a diverse combination of parents and caregivers in Jackson and Josephine counties, held its third meeting on July 6 and will continue to meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month.

Thus far, the council has provided feedback on several proposed programs and projects for our region, including:

--The regional pilot project with UpTogether, which will recruit families in Jackson and Josephine, help the families set goals and then organize families into teams of six to eight families to work together to help each other meet their goals. An investment of approximately \$800 is provided to each family per year for the family to decide how to use in order to best meet their goals. The pilot is being funded by Rogue Community Health, UCAN, Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon and the Family Nurturing

Center, and is being organized by the Southern Oregon Success Early Childhood Supports Work Group.

--A draft booklet produced by South Coast Together, a resilience-building collaboration in Coos and Curry counties, to provide parent-friendly information on child development, ACEs, self-regulation and resilience. (Note: the draft booklet, "Help That Helps," will also be discussed during the Preschool/K12 Alignment Summit in August as a possible way to provide vital information to families with young children in our region).

--The Family Engagement Tool Kit, developed by Southern Oregon Early Learning Services (SOELS), that presents the Strengthening Families framework, a proven framework for increasing family stability and positive outcomes, in a parent-friendly format. (Note: the Family Advisory Council was able to offer specific feedback on the Spanish translation of the tool kit, which is now being incorporated).

--Ready4K, a text program designed to offer three texts a week to parents and caregivers with information on child development and ideas on how to interact with and teach children social and emotional skills. The council's feedback now goes to the Southern Oregon Success work groups considering a pilot program with Ready4K this year.

Council members have raised a number of issues they are interested in delving into and perhaps advocating on in the coming months, including the impacts of pornography on middle school and high school students, best practices for technology use, bullying, suicide prevention and other issues.

If you would like to bring a project or program you are working on to the Family Advisory Council for feedback and suggestions, or if you would like more information about the council, please email [peter\\_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org](mailto:peter_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org)

## **GREAT JOB OPENINGS AT PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

JACKSON COUNTY WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN) is looking for a [full time health assistant](#).

HEALTH CARE COALITION OF SOUTHERN OREGON is looking for a [Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator](#).

RESOLVE CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE is looking for a [Restorative Justice Specialist](#).

# RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

## OREGON EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM *PROCESS INFOGRAPHIC*

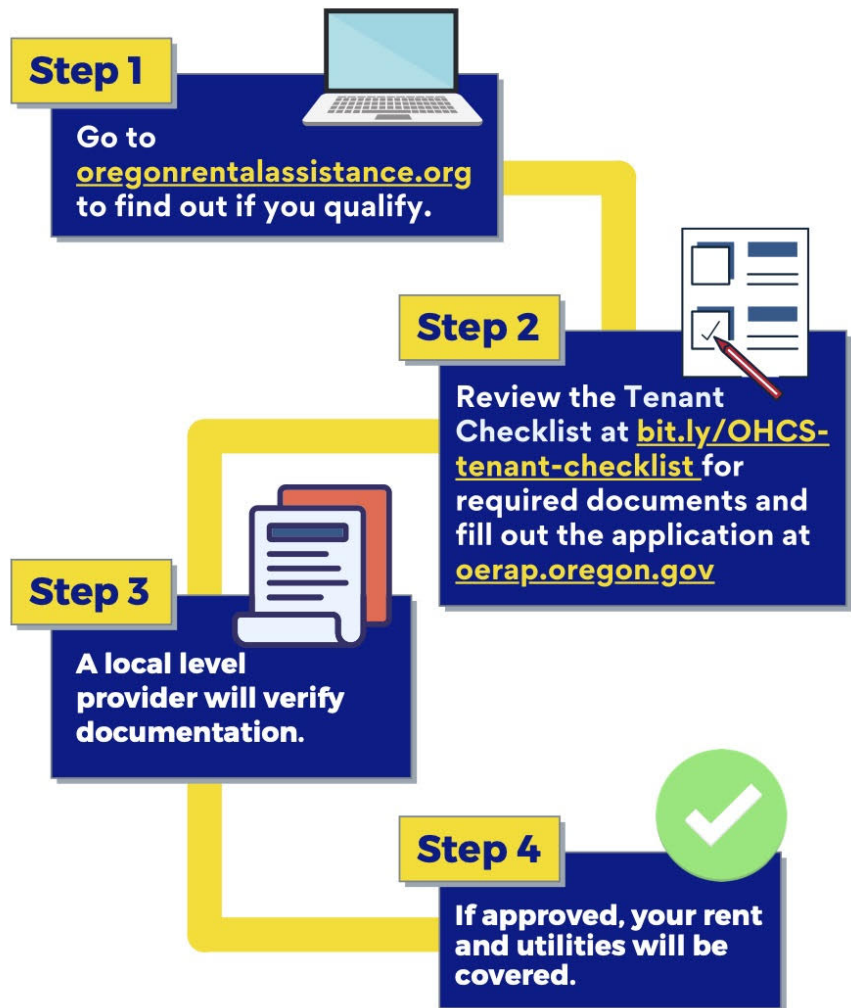


### Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP)

Renters who are struggling to pay overdue rent and utilities due to the pandemic may be eligible to receive assistance to pay their overdue rent and/or utilities. Complete these steps to see if you qualify and apply.



## HOW TO APPLY:



Last updated: 5/28/2021

**VISIT, CLICK, AND APPLY TODAY!**

## ACES TRAININGS EXPAND REGION-WIDE: OPEN ACES SESSIONS ON ZOOM IN JULY & AUGUST

Southern Oregon Success is helping to expand the efforts to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the trauma-informed practices to build resilience in children, families and communities to Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, with the possibility of Klamath County joining in over the next year.

In June, members of the Southern Oregon ACEs Training Team collaborated with our partners at South Coast Together and Douglas County's Creating Community Resilience for a train-the-presenters training for over 20 new presenters for the greater Southern Oregon region.

Training teams in each county are using the ACE Interface curriculum that Southern Oregon Success has been presenting since 2016. Our Southern Oregon ACEs Training Team has offered over 420 sessions to just under 15,000 people in Jackson and Josephine counties during that time.

ACE Interface's NEAR curriculum (NEAR stands for Neurobiology, Epigenetics, ACEs and Resilience) provides a straightforward understanding of how what we experience impacts our development and the health, education and social outcomes that result. This understanding allows for a common vocabulary and common approach to the root causes of many of the challenges faced by our children, families and communities.

For anyone interested in taking (or repeating) an ACEs training in the NEAR curriculum, we have open trainings coming up in July and August:

Tuesday, July 20

2:30 pm to 4 30 pm via Zoom

Please register [at this link](#).

Tuesday, August 17

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm via Zoom

Please register [at this link](#).

In addition, any school, agency, business, faith organization or community group interested in having a training session scheduled for their staff or members can do so by emailing [peter\\_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org](mailto:peter_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org).

There is no cost for participants or host organizations, thanks to funding from our local K12 school districts, SOESD, AllCare, Jackson Care Connect, Options for Southern Oregon, SOELS and Rogue Workforce Partnership.



## 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.

If you do Facebook, check us out and Like us at [Southern Oregon Success.](#)