



Help Us Celebrate 15 Years Of
“Creating Opportunities for Children and Families to Flourish”



When? August 4th, 6-7:30 pm, in the Home Valley Bank parking lot at 4th & G Streets

Why? To thank our friends, supporters and partners for fifteen years of joyful noises in the halls of the Family Resource Center, and for your support of the many other CFK programs, projects and events during that time.

What? An “art playground” for children five years old and younger. Exciting events for the little ones will include fish printing, art projects, tie dyeing, balloons, ice cream, and maybe even a clown or two. The event will be from 6pm—7:30 to allow the little ones to be home in time for bed. Please plan on joining us and enjoying children at play.



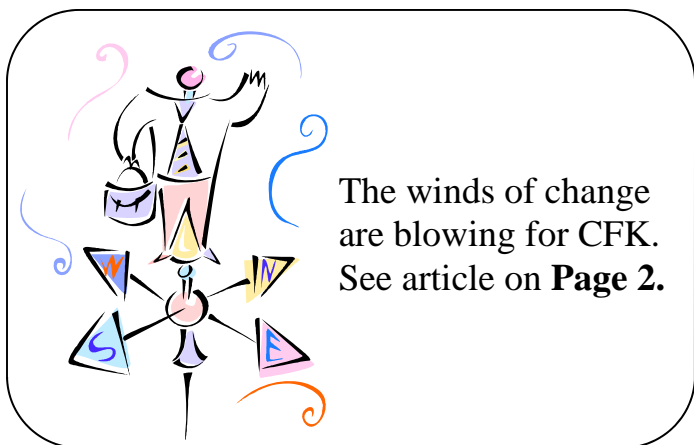
We look forward to seeing you there!



Becoming a Love & Logic Parent

For over ten years CFK has been helping parents to be the best parent possible by providing the six week Love and Logic parenting program. Children do not come with instructions, but this class provides tools and techniques that benefit both the parents and the child(ren).

Call 479-1929 and ask for Judy if you would like more information on the program. The cost is \$50 per couple which includes the workbook.



The winds of change are blowing for CFK. See article on **Page 2**.

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Coalition for Kids Is Here To Stay

If you read the Grants Pass Daily Courier you know from the front page story on May 25th that the Board of Directors for CFK has decided to list for sale the property at 8th and M streets. While this may seem sudden, the Board spent 18 months developing a vision for the agency, and this action is only one of the major decisions to come out of that activity. The atmosphere among the partners and employees is a mixture of anxiety and excitement. The staff and Board are confident in the decision and look forward to the next 12-18 months of planning to better serve the community.

Founding director and former board member Carolyn Kohn's guest opinion in the Daily Courier stated so clearly the thoughts and feelings of the Board and staff that I thought it would be a good idea to print a part of that article in this news letter. Please see excerpt below:

"...Fifteen years ago, our community came together during a funding crisis to create CFK, a unique non-profit organization. Its mission sounds simple: "Create opportunities for children and families to flourish", yet implementing that mission is complex.

CFK is more than a building.

The vision from the onset has been to create synergy by bringing community organizations together to more effectively meet needs and serve children and families....Facilitating synergy goes beyond walls. The efforts to facilitate dialogue and solutions to issues bigger than any one organization are less concrete and visible in our community, yet they are critically needed....

CFK is changing to more effectively meet its mission and will continue to need community support to "create opportunities for children and families to flourish."

Coalition for Kids is here to stay, because it is more than a building."

- excerpted from *The Daily Courier*,
Friday, May 26, 2006, 4A

With input from our clients, partners and the community, the Board will use the next several months to plan. The intended outcome will be a plan that most efficiently and effectively uses the existing resources to create synergy to address identified community needs.



Girl Scouts of Winema Council

The 1st Girl Scout troop in the Rogue Valley (Grants Pass) was started in 1914 by a woman that came from back east. Apparently Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, would have her friends travel and where they traveled they started Girl Scouts, which is called Girl Guides in other countries.

Today, in Josephine County, there are approximately 120 adult Girl Scouts working regularly with the 320 scouts in kindergarten through high school.

The exciting part is that the troop in Grants Pass was the first of the Winema Council! Josephine County is celebrating 92 years of Girl Scouting, while in March of 2007 Girl Scouting will be celebrating 95 years!

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Girl Scout Summer Activities:

Please call Kelly Rorive at 956-5428 for information on any of the activities listed below:

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| Day Camp | June 19-23 | Girls entering 1 st grade and older |
| Softball Clinic | July 5-7 | Girls 5 years of age and older |
| Powder Puff Football | July 10-12 & 14 | Girls 5 years of age and older |

Jobapalooza!

One hundred twelve students participated in the a county-wide teen career fair named "Jobapalooza!" on Friday, April 7, 2006 at the Parkway Christian Church. The event was a partnership between Coalition for Kids, Inc. AAUW, Three Rivers and District 7 School Districts, Rogue Community College, Employment Department, Commission for Children and Families, Jo Co Health Department, Extension Service, Job Council and the Job Corp. The evaluations completed by the students who attended and the post surveys of participants declared the event a "huge success". Planning for next year's event is scheduled to start in September.

Volunteer Opportunities

Special Friends, a volunteer program working with elementary school age children one hour a week, is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. **Want to make a new friend and also make a big difference in a child's life?** Call Gina at 479-1929, or visit our website, www.cfk-gp.org, for more information on the Special Friends Program.

Summer Activities

June 24 Air-Eventure - Breakfast fly-in, aircraft displays and tours. Grants Pass Airport. 479-2230

July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks - Jo.Co. Fairgrounds. Gates open at 7pm. Tickets are \$3. Fireworks to display at 9:30.

July 8 Wilderville Day - Festival with music, food, vendors and games. 476-3924

August 4 CFK 15th Anniversary Celebration - See Page 1 for all the details.

August 15-19 Josephine County Fair - Jo. Co. Fairgrounds. 476-3215

August 26 Kids' Care Fair - Free immunizations and health screenings for children. Jo. Co. Fairgrounds. 476-6608

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Ongoing Activities

Concerts in the Park, free music performances in Riverside Park. The series opens June 27 and runs Tuesdays through August. Call 476-7717.

First Friday Art Night, The first Friday of each month, downtown Grants Pass comes alive with art, music, food and fun for the whole family.

G.E.M.S. (Growing and Encouraging Moms), meets at Calvary Crossroads Church at 9am on the first Thursday of the month, and 6pm on 3rd Thursday of the month. Call 479-4334.

Stroller-cise, group exercise/group support for moms (with child in tow) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am at the All Sports Park. Meet at the flagpole near the children's play structure. Call Carmen at 324-6650.

**Check the calendar on our website
for more events!**

Visit us on the
web at
www.cfk-gp.org

Our website is still under construction...but there is already a lot to explore. You can learn more about the history of Coalition for Kids, our programs, agency and community needs; support us directly by donating online; and give us feedback on the activities of the agency by taking advantage of the easy feedback form on our site.

Please bookmark our website and visit us often. We will use the home page to keep the community up-to-date with news and events at the Coalition, including news of our future plans as they develop. And don't forget to tell all your friends and family about the site. Please let us know what you think!



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