

Request for Funding-Group

Oregon Judicial Department's Juvenile Court Improvement Project (JCIP)

Our vision: Raising the Profile and Priority of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases in Oregon

Our Goals: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect
Children have permanency and stability in their living situation
The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children
Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs
Increase the number of local courts that have developed intergovernmental plans supporting permanency outcomes for children in foster care

***Funding available for training proposals and scholarships varies from year to year

Applicant Name: Don Darland

Date: August 31, 2021

Agency: Oregon Foster Parent Association (on behalf of Shoulder to Shoulder Conference)

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Dates event will be held: 10/25, 26/2021

Amount of request: \$5,000.00

Use of funding (registration, travel, lodging): Program Support

Other use: None

1. If you have not worked with JCIP in the past please briefly describe the mission of your agency and the purpose of the program for which you are asking support.

This request is being submitted on behalf of Shoulder to Shoulder, which is a multidisciplinary conference that has provided professional development to approximately 600 attendees annually. Over the last two decades, this conference has become a place for networking and learning for hundreds of individuals who advocate for children and families in Oregon. Due to the pandemic situation, we had to cancel the conference last year. This year, the steering committee is holding the conference virtually which would reach additional folks (e.g., rural areas of OR), who were unable to attend in-person conferences in the past, to be able to participate.

2. Have you contacted other sources for assistance? Please explain. (JCIP funds cannot be used to supplant other funds available to your agency for this program).

Although we have utilized other resources in the past (e.g., CJA, OFPA, ILP, PSU, ORPARC, and Boys and Girls Aid), we are requesting program support from JCIP only this year. We will be charging a nominal registration fee of \$25 from attendees. Because the conference will be offered virtually, the \$25 registration fee is actually for "one connection-via Zoom". For instance, if five foster parents gather and attend via one computer/internet connection, it will be \$25 for that entire group. This will make the conference even more affordable to more folks. The program support from JCIP will help us provide the opportunity without having to charge higher registration fees to attendees because it will make it possible for us to bring speakers/presenters who are locally and nationally well-known experts in child welfare (see below for details).

3. Please describe specifically how the funds for which you are applying relate to JCIP's goals.

This year's conference will present six speakers in two, half days ((3.5 hours per day) in topics that relate to the JCIP goals of providing quality services to children and families with better understanding for their unique cultural heritage and needs and developing stronger relationships between service providers and families in order to protect children. The guest presenters include Corey Best. Mr. Best overcame his own challenges as a biological parent who was involved in the child welfare system and successfully reunited with his child. He will present on the importance of engaging birth parents for positive outcomes for children and families. Dr. Chaitra Wirta-Leiker, a licensed psychologist, international/transracial adoptee of color, and also an adoptive parent herself, will share her expertise on mental health support focused on trauma and transracial adoption. Dr. Hilary Weaver, Professor and Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at University at Buffalo School of Social Work, will discuss the importance of culture in helping

processes with a particular focus on Indigenous Peoples. We are committed to providing a high quality professional development opportunity to caseworkers, legal professionals, foster parents, kinship caregiver, adoptive parents, CRB and CASA volunteers who attend.

4. Funds should be used in a manner that supports equity in attendance/participation. This request for funding will be used to sponsor:

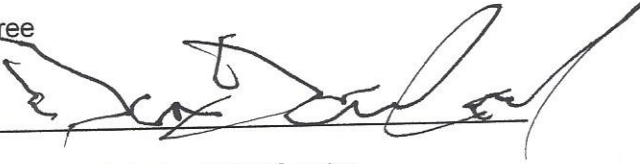
Financial aid for individuals

Program Support

5. If you are awarded financial assistance by JCIP, we ask that you agree to submit materials from your program for possible posting on the JCIP website and that you provide a report of program attendance.

I agree

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nikki Hahn', written over a horizontal line.

Please return completed application to:
Nikki Hahn, Management Assistant
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