

THRIVING COMMUNITIES SUMMIT

EXPERT SUMMARY

Thriving and inclusive neighborhoods - *We are safely housed with basic needs met*

THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS SNAPSHOT

Infrastructure

The Human Services Commission (HSC) is an innovative partnership of local public and private organizations funded by Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield. Through the Human Services Fund, the HSC supports its nonprofit partners in delivering essential services to Lane County residents.

The mission of HSC is to help people in need in Lane County by meeting their basic needs, increasing their self-reliance, building a safer community to live in, by providing easy access to the human services they critically need. During fiscal year 2010-2011, we assisted 76,932 people of all ages. This was achieved through a mix of contracted services provided by non-profit social service organizations, direct services provided by county staff, and involvement in community initiatives.

United Way has been working to improve lives in Lane County for more than 60 years. Today's United Way has moved from simply being a conduit for funds into an organization dedicated to making impact that lasts.

The 10-year goals we've set around EDUCATION, INCOME and HEALTH are based on comprehensive strategies developed by hundreds of community partners, along with United Way, aimed at creating long-lasting change. The goals in these three action areas have been determined to be achievable based on the existing strengths of this community.

Human Services Network promotes a strong comprehensive human services system through advocacy and inter-agency cooperation, coordination and collaboration in order to improve the well-being of our community.

The HSN is composed of any and all human service provider agencies and programs interested in public funding matters. The HSN: increases provider input for service planning, and priorities in the budget process; increases awareness by HSC of provider needs; enhances networking by providers through support of these purposes; provides networking amongst themselves, and providing a vehicle for informed decision making by public funding sources.

Lane County Intergovernmental Housing Policy Board (HPB) acts as a forum for public input into the community issues related to affordable housing. It reviews low-income housing issues and makes policy, funding, and other recommendations regarding affordable housing to Eugene, Springfield and Lane County governments. The mission of the HPB is to increase the availability of decent, affordable housing, for low and very low income families and individuals in Lane County.

Visit the Summit webpage at: <http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/HHS/HSC/Pages/Summit.aspx>

THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVES RELEVANT TO THRIVING COMMUNITIES GOALS

Egan Warming Center is a coalition of community members representing service providers, nonprofits, faith and social activists communities and local government who have come together since 2008 to ensure that homeless people have shelter during extreme cold weather. Named in honor of Major Thomas Egan, a man who froze to death during a cold spell in 2008. The Warming Center mission is simple: to ensure that homeless people in Lane County have a place to sleep indoors when temperatures drop to 30 degrees or below between November 15th and March 31st. St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County serves as the primary agency responsible for implementing the operation of the Warming Center and building a sustainable model for the long term.

Food for Lane County Food Pantries

FOOD for Lane County provides food to 28 emergency food pantries located throughout Lane County. These pantries provide a variety of fresh and shelf-stable groceries to low-income families and individuals. Each food box contains a 3-5 day supply of food. On average, families request help 3 or fewer times a year.

Emergency food pantries are open different days and times. Each food pantry serves a certain geographic area. Getting a food box is easy, but you must meet the income eligibility guidelines. You can receive other benefits, such as food stamps, and still receive a food box.

Collective Impact of These Sample Initiatives:

Common Agenda

Backbone Support Organizations

THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS KEY RELATED DATA

- One Night Homeless Count
- Food for Lane County Food Pantries Summary
- Consolidated Plan Executive Summary
- Egan Warming Center Summary 2011-2012