



# Lane County Youth Services

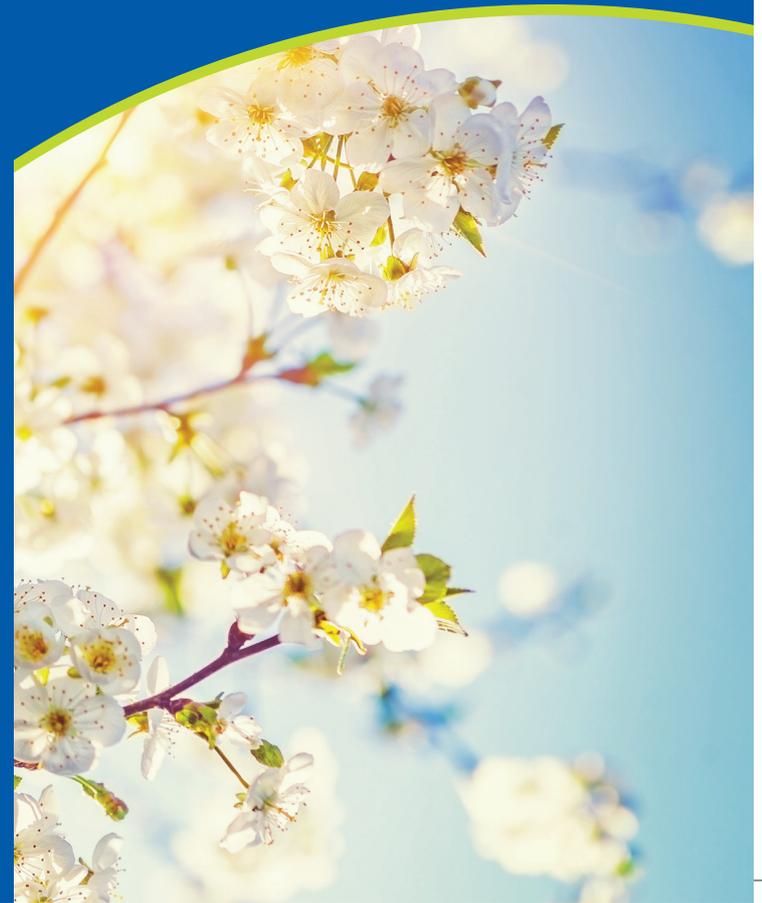
Mediation & Other Services for  
Separating & Divorcing Families

“Family means  
no one gets  
left behind or  
forgotten.”

~ David Ogden Stiers

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## Parent Education Class (Focus on Children)

Focus on Children is Lane County's court-required parenting class for separating and divorcing parents. The class equips parents with skills for building strong relationships with their children and co-parents, and protecting their children from the potential harmful effects of separation and divorce. The class addresses custody, parenting time, and the mediation process. Attendance at this class meets court requirements for parent education and mediation orientation.

*Fee: \$60 (Waived if court filing fee was waived for current court action.)*

## Custody & Parenting Time Mediation

Mediation is a confidential process in which parents meet with a professional, court-approved mediator to develop a parenting plan that is in the best interests of their children. The parenting plan includes decision-making (custody); parenting time schedules (including routine parenting time, holiday, and vacation); parental rights and responsibilities; and parental guidelines. The mediator guides discussions, but does not take sides or make decisions. Parents must first attend Focus on Children prior to participating in mediation.

*Fee: No charge for one three-hour appointment*

## Custody Evaluations

Parents sometimes have disagreements about how to share decision-making and parenting time. Intense feelings can make it difficult to be objective about the best interests of the children. In a child custody evaluation, the evaluator meets three times with each parent, meets once with the children (if appropriate, depending on the age of the children), and contacts others as necessary (i.e. teachers, therapists). Assessing family functioning and the best interests of the children, the evaluator prepares a custody and parenting time report and recommendation.

*Fee: \$1,500*



## Supervised Parenting Time

Supervised parenting time offers parents an opportunity for safe and meaningful contact with their children. Program staff is present at all times to provide sight and sound monitoring. Our playroom is equipped with toys, books, and games to promote the parent-child connection. Parents with a court order for supervised parenting time may access services.

*Fees for supervised parent: \$50 orientation and \$50 per session (May be reduced if receiving SNAP benefits.)*

## Family Check-Up (FCU)

FCU is a brief, parent-centered, strength-based program. Participants must be the parent or guardian of a child between the ages of 2 and 17. FCU consists of three appointments which include: meeting with our staff to share family information; working on tasks with the child in a video-recorded session; and participating in a feedback session. FCU offers parents and caregivers a snapshot of how the child is developing compared to other children of the same age and identifies parenting strengths.

*This service is available for members of the Trillium Community Health plan only. Families can earn \$150 (provided in gift cards) for participating.*