

# Southern Oregon Success

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# Overview

Southern Oregon Success is a collaboration of all levels of education, health care, human services, public safety and workforce development in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Our regional goal is for every student and every family to have the resources and support they need to thrive.

Strong families, thriving children.

# Organizational Structure

## SOESD

- Fiscal agent
- Communications and Partnerships Programs

## Stewardship Team

Rene Brandon, Director, SOELS

Todd Bloomquist, Senior Executive Director, MSD

Nancy Castillo-McKinnis, Field Coordinator, Ford Family Foundation

Max Janasik, CEO, AllCare

Kimberlee Whitney, District Manager, ODHS

# Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Training

- **Common vocabulary** and a **common understanding** for our collaborative work, share knowledge of neurobiology, epigenetics, the ACEs study and tools to build resilience.
- Volunteer trainers presented **over 750 sessions** to just under **22,000 participants**, including trainings for educators, public safety personnel and health care providers since 2016.
- Continuing in-person trainings and **a monthly open training via Zoom** for health care, human services staff, educators and other community partners.

# Family Success Plan Program

- Trusted community partners: Oasis Center, Family Nurturing Center, Josephine County WIC, Unete, Oregon Center for Creative Learning, Siskiyou Community Health and Providence Birthplace
- Development of Family Success Plans for vulnerable families from pregnancy to age 5.
- Plans based on the **social determinants of health** and the **Strengthening Families** frameworks
- Community partners given \$1,400 per family to invest however needed for the family to reach the goals in plan. Partners can keep up to \$400 to cover staff time, with a minimum of \$1,000 dedicated to families.

# Family Success Program, con't

- Pilot year 2023-24, 72 families and 8 community partners. In surveys, community partners reported that every family made progress. On a scale of 1 to 5, families moved from an average of 2 for stability and clarity on goals to an average of 4.
- ODHS, as part of their Family Preservation effort, contracted with Southern Oregon Success to work with **280** families in 2024-25. ODHS has now contracted with us to work with **over 500** families between now and June 30, 2027.
- With funding and assistance from the Ford Family Foundation, we have developed a program to track each family's progress for the next 3 years.

# Regional Navigation System

- Coordinate efforts of all schools, agencies and organizations that help families navigate services in education, health care, mental health care, human services, public safety and employment.
- Identified **87 entities** providing navigation services.
- Hold regular Navigator Summits
- Developing annual schedule of free shared trainings for all community partners
- Professional development offerings in 2026-27, co-resource sharing roundtables, region-wide shared standardized trainings, and additional summits to feature cross-sector shared navigation planning.

# Building the Foundation for Support

## **Navigators Work Group:**

- Regional navigation system
- Navigation summits

## **Youth Development Work Group:**

- School districts and community partners align efforts and resources for youth ages 6 to 24.
- When COVID hit, LISTO informed the YDWG of 83 families in Medford & Central Point in desperate need of food and basic essentials. Within 20 minutes, the YDWG organized a joint distribution plan using existing resources, including vans from Project Youth +, and were able to reach every family within 72 hours.
- K12 chronic absenteeism

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## **Southern Oregon Family Advisory Council:**

- Family preservation
- K12 absenteeism
- Summer and afterschool programs

# Serving K12 and the Community

## **Regular All-Network Meetings**

- K12 Superintendents panel
- Organizational merging/consolidation
- Funders panel

## **Support for school districts & community partners:**

- RHTP
- Wyden/Merkley
- Kellogg
- JCC