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It is our mission to encourage & empower children, youth & families to grow mentally, emotionally, and spiritually and to reach their highest potential through compassionate guidance, training, mentoring and advocacy.



Grant Award Gives Lift Off to Increase Visitation Services



CYFS received a vote of confidence from Yamhill County in the award of a grant of \$50,000 to support children and families struggling with the fallout of family disruptions. As a result of divorce, legal disputes, court orders, domestic violence, or abuse allegations, children often become caught in the middle of the fight. The goal of the program is to support children in maintaining the connection with their noncustodial parents while family disruptions are being resolved. How is this

done? CYFS provides a neutral party to facilitate the difficult communications and scheduling of visitation time between the child and the noncustodial parent. Then a neutral child-friendly visit location allows a parent and their children to play together without interaction with the other parent. Child safety and supervision are the first priorities. The grant will allow for additional staffing to increase access and availability as well as a sliding scale for families who need that. To learn more about the program or how to access these services, call

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A Work in Progress: One Dad's Story

When I was faced with the realization that I could only see my kids from behind the walls of a Professional Visitation Center, my first response was, "Is this really happening?"

After 2 1/2 years of building a healthy relationship with my children, along with the Chehalem Parenting Connection staff, I had to step back and look at the person I had become. I realize now that my life before was filled with much darkness. It took a little separation from my family and to get on a right track with our Creator for me to finally see it. As much as I would rather be with my children daily, I see the need for distance, so I can work on becoming a better person and father to my children. I have put all my trust into my Messiah and Savior to guide me to becoming that parent my children desperately need.

CYFS has been there for my little family and I am so grateful that an organization like this exists for that purpose. Chehalem Parenting Manager Aimee McDonagh has been such a blessing for us. Her professionalism, devotion and loving nature has helped through the hard times with the ups and downs she has seen us go through, but gradually recognizing the improvement towards developing that loving relationship a healthy family needs.

There is a purpose in everything through this life and one who has been there to help make a difference for a small family like mine is CYFS. Thank you Chehalem Youth & Family Services for being called by our Creator to make a difference in this world and your dedication towards saving families and relationships for the little ones who are so innocent. Blessings to you.

Sincerely, A Grateful Dad

Get to Know Aimee McDonagh

Aimee joined CYFS in November of 2016 as the Supervised Visitation Coordinator. She was soon promoted to the role of Supervised Visitation Manager and has been bringing her joy and enthusiasm for working with children to the program ever since. Aimee went to college at Western Oregon University and earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Aimee and her husband recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Her greatest joy in life has been being a mom to their two kids and watching them grow. Aimee also enjoys hiking with her dogs and volunteering in her children's schools in her spare time. She loves her job at Chehalem Youth and Family Services because it incorporates her passion of working with children alongside serving the community as part of a non-profit organization. Aimee feels honored to work with the families at CYFS during their most vulnerable times and safeguard the children involved.



Do you know someone who is passionate about serving families? We are hiring a provide the person to help implement our grant and grow the program! For more information contact Aimee at 503-538-9465.



The News is out!!! Our 50th Anniversary Gala Event is now scheduled! We really want to celebrate <u>in person</u> with YOU! So plan to come out for a gourmet dinner and champagne toast, kick up your heels, have a little wine and fun!

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Clint Ekren, Parent of these lovely children