

Request for Funding-Individual or Group Professional Development Funds

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: May 18, 2018

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

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Date event will be held: 10/29/2018

Amount of request: \$5,000.00

Use of funding (registration, travel, lodging): Registration

Other use: Program Support

1. Please briefly describe the mission of your agency and the purpose of the program/event for which you are asking support. Be sure to describe how attendance at the conference/event will benefit the larger Juvenile Court Improvement Project's vision and goals described above.

This request is being submitted on behalf of Shoulder to Shoulder, which is a multidisciplinary conference that provides professional development to approximately 600 attendees. Our goals are to establish cross-system dialogue and to build stronger partnerships for children in the Oregon child welfare system

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).

The conference has utilized other resources in the past (CJA, OFPA, ILP, PSU, ORPARC and Boys and Girls Aid) to support the conference. The conference will be requesting funds from Children's Justice Act Task Force, Juvenile Court Improvement Project, Oregon Foster Parent Association and the Department of Human Services to support the conference this year, 2018. We are committed to making Shoulder to Shoulder affordable for the many caseworkers, legal professionals, foster parents, kinship caregivers, adoptive parents, CRB and CASA volunteers who attend. Scholarships would be distributed across disciplines and geographically across Oregon. We are also exploring other funding sources through member agencies to support participant scholarships.

3. Please describe specifically how the funds for which you are applying relate to JCIP's goals towards broader multi-disciplinary approach.

This year's conference will focus on "Strengthening Children and Families," which will include relevant topics to child welfare. The all-day conference features a morning keynote speaker, as well as a comprehensive offering of approximately 28 workshops and panel presentations. Workshops will be planned in various categories to include: 1.) Partnering to Protect and Support Children, Youth and Families (including prevention, engagement, and safety issues) 2.) Child well-being (including mental, physical, educational, developmental, family connections & support) 3.) Foster, Kinship, Adoptive Parenting (address foster, kinship and adoptive parent issues) 4.) Policy and Practice (address new initiatives, court, and best practice) 5.) Culture and Diversity.

Workshops and keynote presentations will be oriented around the theme of "Strengthening Children and Families." Our morning keynote speaker, Dr. Tina Payne Bryson, specializes in helping people understand how the brain develops including the impact of trauma and how to support healing and healthy neurodevelopment. She is a nationally known speaker, author, and therapist. Our afternoon keynote speaker, Schylar Baber, the Executive Director for Voice for

Adoption, a national organization that advocates for the safety and well-being of children in foster care. Schylar is committed to improving future for children and youth in care due, in large part, to his own life experiences. He will be sharing his story and highlighting the value of resilience and importance of advocacy.

Workshops are broad and meant to be multidisciplinary for the range of attendees at the conference. Topics include: the culture of poverty; attachment; developmental parenting; foster parents working with birth parents and extended birth family; resilience; animal therapy programs; foster parent mentoring; trauma; disproportionality; transracial adoption; impact of marijuana on children; targeting ACES through education and resilience intervention; responding to feeding and food issues; responding to escalation and de-escalation strategies; neurobiology of harsh punishment and brain savvy alternatives; co-occurring mental health and developmental disability diagnosis; managing feeding challenges; benefits of and supporting visitations; transition planning; foster care alumni panel; adoptive parent peer support; parents prospective panel; early childhood mental health; and responding to commercial sexual exploitation of children.

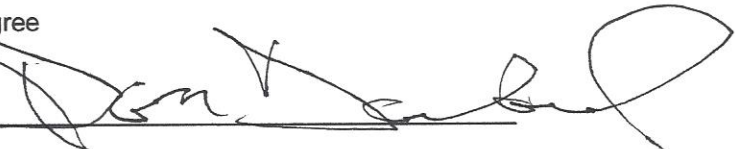
4. Funds should be used in a manner that supports equity in attendance/participation. This request for funding will be used to sponsor:

Financial aid for individual(s) (*scholarships*) 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 and what was gained from that opportunity. This report is due on December 1st of the fiscal year that you were awarded.

I agree

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Schylar', written over a horizontal line.

Please return completed application to:

Juvenile Court Improvement Program Email: JCIP.Info@ojd.state.or.us Fax: (503) 986-5859