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Community Partnerships "Salmon Reintroduction Program"

The Linn-Benton Detention Center school program completed its second successful year of the "Salmon Reintroduction Program" in December of 2012. For the second year teacher Jim Wach and Teaching Assistant Ben Heckman received 300 Salmon eggs from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to hatch and release into a local stream or river.

The project includes students taking part in a live experiment in which they closely monitor water conditions and water temperature in order to have a successful hatch. Students also study the life cycle of the salmon and the environment to learn about what makes a good river system to support the salmon as part of their school curriculum while



Teaching Asst. Ben Heckman

This year, 295 Salmon fry were released into Oak Creek in December of 2012, demonstrating a very high percentage of success for the students and staff.

Mr. Wach began conversations with the Calapooia Watershed in an effort to enhance the habitat along Oak Creek, which runs directly behind the facility and through the edge of Albany.

These conversations may lead to further projects involving raising native plant species at the detention center green house, to be planted along Oak Creek and other local locations. We are looking into opportunities for youth to continue to participate in different aspects of this project. Great job Mr. Wach and Mr. Heckman for taking on a project involving our youth from which they get to see such positive results.



LBJDC Teacher Jim Wach

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"LCJD Staff Recognized at State Conference"

Linn County had the rare opportunity to have two juvenile department staff members recognized at the Oregon Juvenile Department Director's Association conference this past September held in Bend, Oregon. Each staff member was nominated by their peers for the Probation Officer of the Year and Detention Worker of the Year awards. The nominations were submitted to the NW Region Juvenile Department Directors (representing 7 counties) and the Juvenile Detention Managers (representing 12 facilities) to select the winning candidate from a pool of nominations.

Ron Jacobsen was selected as the Probation Officer of the Year for the NW Region. Ron has been with Linn County as a probation officer for 15 years after working with Marion County Juvenile Department and the Oregon State Police. Ron currently works with youth on informal probation and facilitates an anger reduction group and parenting group while also serving on the Lebanon YST.

Rudy Wesson was selected as the Detention Worker of the Year. He has been with Linn County for 15 years working at Linn Benton Detention Center. Rudy has been a strong advocate for youth at detention in their treatment and planning to make the most of the time they are at the facility. Rudy facilitates cognitive restructuring groups and provides a good example for youth and staff to follow. Rudy is the first one to speak up in support of youth during discussions about facility programming. Both Ron and Rudy have been valuable dedicated employees to

Linn County but more importantly they have been strong advocates for providing youth the skills to make better choices.

Congratulations Ron and Rudy for a job well done!



Ron Jacobsen, Torri Lynn, Rudy Wesson



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We also have an upcoming LSCI training
scheduled for February 4-7, 2013
To register please contact;
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The Linn County Juvenile Department is
dedicated to helping youth & families
achieve positive change.

Our mission is to increase public safety by
coaching youth and families to make
positive choices through education, skill
building and community partnerships.



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"Time for Change" Program Update

The Linn County Juvenile Department started the "Time for Change" program as a 30-day extended detention program in January of 2011. The program is a last chance opportunity for youth to gain the necessary skills needed to remain in the community or risk being taken out of home and placed in either a long term residential program or a youth correctional facility.

The youth are assigned a detention worker as a case manager while in the program to help them navigate the process. The youth and family begin by assessing the strengths and weaknesses of their family to identify areas they would like to change. The family, youth, probation officer and detention worker meet weekly to assess progress and assign homework for the following week. They have the opportunity to practice newly learned skills through role plays which commonly have to do with communication styles.

Since 2011, Fourteen youth have entered the "Time for Change" program;

Two youth (14%) failed or were removed from the program,
Twelve youth (86%) successfully completed the program,

Of the twelve youth who completed the program;
Two youth (16%) are in residential treatment,
Two youth (16%) are in a youth correctional facility,
Eight youth (68%) have remained in the community.

Of the Eight youth that remained in the community;
Seven youth (88%) have had no new referrals to the juvenile dept,
One youth (12%) received a new criminal referral

It appears that the "Time for Change" program has been a productive use of
detention for a majority of the youth and families who have completed it. We will continue to evaluate the program and results and
make changes to ensure we provide the most effective service possible for youth and families in our communities.

