



# Community Healthcare & Human Services Partnership to Benefit Youth and Families

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## Description

The first Club in Oregon and possibly the nation to offer medical, mental, and dental healthcare on our campus, the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis is on the cutting edge of using co-location strategies and in-depth partnerships to increase access to services for youth and families. We are creating a new culture of care by bringing together youth social services and a healthcare team of professionals. Our vision will inspire applying innovative approaches and create solutions to solve persistent problems like generational poverty. The project will serve as a model for other small communities.

Through our co-location, model and our community based strategies we will solve the following problems that affect the ability for youth and families to thrive:

- Scattered health services for youth and adolescents
- Disconnected medical providers and community social service providers
- Persistent health inequities
- Increased generational chronic health problems that require expensive, long-term care, and increased ER usage, a situation that was once present in dental until BGCC began offering dental services
- A lack of community-based wellness research sites that can help us identify real-world solutions that will affect communities across the U.S.
- Limited mental health access

## Our goals include:

- Expanding and enhancing community partnerships that hold to our transformational vision
- Integrating pediatric, adolescent, and mental health onsite that is dedicated to health and wellness
- Integrating educational activities through the placement of graduate-level healthcare trainees
- Reducing costly ER visits, as our team has done through dental services.
- Launching an innovative research program with community institutional partners to study health equity outcomes.

## Timeframe

The Johnson Dental Clinic is currently operating and began delivering services in 2008. Since then, the Johnson Dental Clinic has served nearly 10,000 youth and parents of Club members. The Brauti

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Wellness Clinic opened on September 5, 2018. Adolescent prevention services will be offered in the coming years. The governance committee with Samaritan Health is in the process of being formed as BGCC and Samaritan engage our boards of directors and community partners with medical expertise in oversight of the vision and mission of our collaborative work.

### **Funding**

The partnership needs funds to serve uninsured youth and insured youth with poor mental health coverage. We also need funds to support the collaboration in order to create the governance committee and ensure the long-term financial viability of the partnership. Funds are needed to add a person to lead research at the clinic and oversee grant-writing efforts to support research in the future. BGCC has an extensive list of foundations and donors that support regular operations. Other partners have similar funding resources. Some partners meet their financial needs with a fee-for-service model.

### **Equity and Accessibility**

Club leaders are trained in Pacific Education Group's Beyond Diversity Courageous Conversations protocol to intentionally build equity in our service delivery and processes. We held a two-day training on Sept. 12-13. Benton County and non-profit partners participated in the training. Together we will create an environment where service providers not only understand multiple perspectives, but seek to transform service delivery so that socially dominant cultures are not establishing norms, which is counterproductive to our equity efforts. Future trainings will include Samaritan. The Club and medical/dental clinics are fully accessible and meet ADA standards.

### **Approvals**

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### **Community Action Plan (CAP) Objectives**

ES1: Well-Being & Basic Needs

LT1: Equitable, Accessible Health Care & Education

LT6: Access to Health Care Services

### **Partners**

Samaritan Health Services

Benton County Health Department

Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

Trillium Family Services

Department of Human Services

Old Mill Center for Children & Families

Community Outreach (COI)

CASA: Voices for Children

Jackson Street Youth Services

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