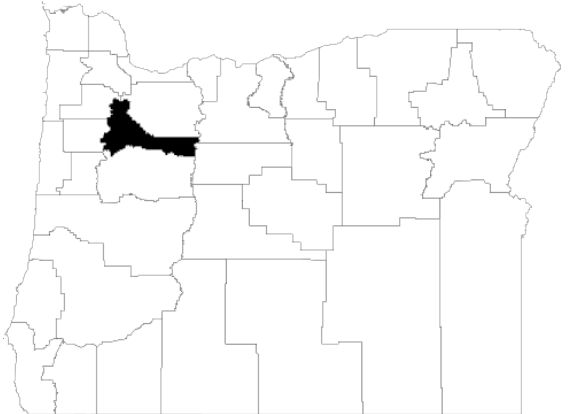




Marion County Community Services

Community Profile

County Marion
 City Salem
 Population 315,335



Assignment

Organization Marion County Community Services Department
 Supervisor Tamra Geottsches, Sarah Cavazos
 RARE Member Mark Christensen

About Marion County Community Services

The Community Services Department (CSD) is one of 14 departments within Marion County government. The CSD promotes safe and thriving communities for people to live, learn, work, and play. The department has five program areas, Economic Development, Children and Families Commission, Marion County Fair, Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District, Dog Services, and Community Services Administration. Marion County has a total population of 315,335 residing in 20 incorporated cities and 37 unincorporated communities.

Mark will be assisting the Marion County Community Services Department in business retention and expansion, coming up with strategic economic development strategies for various communities, and community development. Other groups Mark will work with through these projects are SEDCOR, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, Stayton Chamber of Commerce, Silverton Chamber of Commerce, Keizer Chamber of Commerce, and municipalities.

Meet Mark Christensen



- B.A. in Geography/Environment and Natural Resources – University of Wyoming
- People may be surprised when they learn that I like viewing planning documents in my free time! I enjoy seeing how a community would like to grow, seeing goals a community sets, and reviewing the quality of life the community strives for!
- My most significant accomplishment is putting myself through my undergraduate education. Through countless scholarship applications and hours of work, I achieved my goal of graduating debt free!