

# North Coast Senior Services

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 53,000

**Location** Clatsop & Tillamook Counties

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** North Coast Senior Services

**Supervisor** Donald Ebel, Executive Director

## **Assignment**

The RARE participant actively markets North Coast Senior Services by researching, developing and maintaining information as the Community Outreach Specialist. Responsibilities include developing and maintaining the Information and Assistance Program, a periodic newsletter, the Senior Resource Library, and senior information programs. The participant also presents information on programs and services to community groups. Each project requires researching existing models, establishing effective procedures and coordinating with other agencies throughout the community.

## **Required Skills**

Sensitivity to senior issues, strong interpersonal skills, ability to work both independently and as a contributing member.

## **RARE Member: *Ellen Syversen - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant***

Ellen's BA is in Psychology from Ohio Wesleyan University (1989). Her Master's degree is in Public Health Education from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (1993). After graduate school Ellen worked as a health communications specialist for a national tobacco prevention program. In this capacity, she conducted on-site training workshops for local health department outreach workers and developed consumer education materials for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Physical Activity Initiative. Most recently she worked as a senior project associate for the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. She developed continuing education programs for local and state maternal and child health (MCH) providers and developed policy options for national initiatives related to childcare and welfare reforms. In the Peace Corps, Ellen worked as a health educator in Niger, West Africa.