

Curry County Human Services

Community Profile:

Population 22,200

Location Curry County

Position Description:

Sponsor Curry County Human Services, *Gold Beach, OR*

Supervisor Marty Litchfield, Child and Family Program Coordinator

Assignment

The RARE participant will form a partnership between natural and human resource agencies and organizations, schools, local businesses and community members to find common goals and shared visions to work together. The participant will focus on three projects. The first is the implementation of a Mental Health Prevention Program called Special Friends in one elementary and one middle school. This program will be established by the end of the participant's term of service. Second is the coordination of the RARE High School Program at Union Gold HS. And last, the participant will facilitate and extend the Community Based Safety Net Program in one school and develop a framework with which schools countywide can implement this program. As part of this program, the participant will coordinate student activities with the South Coast Watershed Council and plan a Watershed Symposium and summer camp.

Required Skills

Strong written and verbal skills, a background in social services and education with knowledge of natural resources and good facilitation and organizational skills.

RARE Member: *Thelma Hoffmann - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Thelma Hoffmann graduated from Teacher Training College in Basle, Switzerland, with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 1991. She has an MA from Froebel Institute at University of Surrey, West London, England in Educational Studies. She has worked as a substitute teacher and as a kindergarten head teacher in Switzerland. Most recently Thelma has served as a RARE participant in Gold Beach working for Curry County Community Partners and is serving a second year with Curry County as the Human Services Department Youth Program Coordinator.