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About EARLY CHILDHOOD CARES

Early Childhood CARES provides early intervention and early childhood special education to infants, toddlers and preschool age children in Lane County. All services are free of charge to eligible children. In addition to families, Early Childhood CARES also provides community trainings and resources to community partners and care providers.

Early Childhood CARES services include parent consultation, parent-toddler groups, specialized preschools, consultation to children in community preschools or child care, and speech, physical or occupational therapy. Our staff are licensed professionals with specializations in the areas of early intervention/early childhood special education, speech therapy, physical therapy, autism and behavior.

Early Childhood CARES is part of the College of Education at the University of Oregon and a subcontractor of Lane Education Service District (ESD). We are funded by the Oregon Department of Education with state and federal dollars.

Early Childhood CARES is affiliated with the College of Education, University of Oregon.

1500 West 12th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97402
(541) 346-2578
eccares@uoregon.edu
LIBRARIES AND RECREATION

Local Libraries
Eugene Public Library
Downtown Library – 100 W 10th Ave.
Bethel Branch – 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.
Sheldon Branch – 1566 Coburg Rd.
Website: www.eugene-or.gov/library

Springfield Public Library
225 5th St., Springfield
Website: www.wheremindsgrow.org

Creswell Public Library
64 W. Oregon Ave., Creswell
Website: http://www.creswell-library.org

Cottage Grove Public Library
700 E Gibbs Ave., Cottage Grove
Website: cottagegrovepubliclibrary.org

Fern Ridge Public Library
88026 Territorial Rd., Veneta
Website: http://fernridgelibrary.org

Suislaw Public Library
Florence – 1460 9th St., Florence
Mapleton — 88148 Riverview Ave., Mapleton
Website: https://www.siuslawlibrary.info

Recreation Services
City of Eugene Recreation Services
Website: www.eugene-or.gov/rec
Phone: 541-682-5333

Willamalane Park & Recreation District (Springfield)
Website: www.willamalane.org
Phone: 541-736-4544

River Road Parks and Recreation (North Eugene)
Website: http://rrpark.org/
Phone: 541-688-4052
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOOD, CLOTHING

The Brattain House
Provides family services for Springfield Public Schools, including free clothing for families, school supplies, homeless services, services for English language learners and connections to services throughout Lane County.
Website: springfield.k12.or.us/Page/6436
Phone: 541-744-6769

Catholic Community Services
An essential provider of safety-net services in Lane County, particularly food distribution. CCS also helps with clothing, utility payment assistance, bus passes, and basic necessities.
Website: http://www.ccslc.org
Phone: 541-345-3628

Cornerstone Community Housing
Provides high-quality affordable housing for individuals and families with income between 30 and 60 percent of the Area Median Income.
Website: cornerstonecommunityhousing.org/
Phone: 541-683-1751

LDHS Self-Sufficiency
Your local DHS Self Sufficiency office is your resource for in-person help applying for SNAP (food stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, child care assistance, and refugee services.
Website: oregon.gov/DHS/Assistance
Phone: 541-686-7878 (Eugene)
541-942-9186 (Cottage Grove)
541-726-3525 (Springfield), 541-997-8251 (Florence)

Diapers
Free diapers available for children with developmental delays age 3 and older with Trillium OHP insurance. Family needs to request a prescription for diapers from doctor. Doctor will fax prescription to a vendor. Some private insurances will cover this benefit and some do not. Please check with your carrier.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOOD, CLOTHING

First Place Family Center
Helps families who are low-income, at risk of losing their housing or are in transition between homes due to job loss, health issues and other critical problems.
Website: svdp.us/what-we-do/homeless-services/first-place-family-center/
Phone: 541-342-7728

FOOD for Lane County
A private, nonprofit food bank that provides emergency food assistance and supplemental food programs.
Website: https://foodforlanecounty.org/
Phone: 541-343-2822

Homes for Good Housing Agency
Provides safe, affordable and energy-efficient housing for low-income Lane County residents.
Website: homesforgood.org
Phone: 541-682-3755 (Eugene)

Lane County WIC
Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children providing monthly food vouchers, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support.
Website: oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthypeoplefamilies/wic
Phone: 541-682-4202

Lane County Diaper Bank
Distributes diapers once a month on Wednesdays. Please be able to verify low-income status with SNAP, WIC, or OHP card. Please contact in advance for more details, and to verify they have the size you need.
Contact: https://lcdiaperbank.org/contact/

Little Free Pantries
https://burritobrigade.org/little-free-pantries/

The Hope Project
The Hope Project is a Lane County non-profit dedicated to quick response needs: large and small, near and far. “The mission is simple: if we hear about a need falling through the cracks of traditional support systems or needing immediate assistance, we’ll coordinate and provide any help we can.”
https://www.hopeprojecthelps.com/ask
Daisy C.H.A.I.N.
Provides free breastfeeding support and postpartum doula services for families in Lane County regardless of income. Services available via telehealth during COVID.
Website: daisychainlane.org
Phone: 541-505-1139
Emergency Child Care in Lane County

211 info Child Care
Provides free, customized referrals to child care providers and strategies for finding quality child care in Oregon - https://www.211info.org/
CALL 211 or 1-866-698-6155. Listen to the prompt for Child Care and press the specified number.
TEXT keyword "children" or "niños" to 898211 (TXT211)
EMAIL children@211info.org

Early Education Program
Early Education Program (EEP) is a preschool program with the mission of working together with families to prepare preschoolers of all abilities to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.
Website: earlyeducationprogram.org
Phone: 541-485-0368

Head Start of Lane County
Head Start of Lane County is a nonprofit organization serving eligible children and families throughout Lane County. It promotes school readiness by providing educational, nutritional, health, and social services to enrolled children.
Services are provided in Early Head Start home-based programs and part and full-time Head Start classrooms.
Website: www.hsolc.org
Phone: 541-747-2425.

Inclusive Partners
A state-wide program that helps with supports and accommodations in childcare for eligible children. May include financial support to cover the higher cost of care for some children.
Website: inclusivepartners.org
Phone: 1-866-837-0250
Email: inclusivepartners@dhsoha.state.or.us

Lane Education Service District
Provides services to school districts in Lane County. Services focus on: services for students with special needs, administrative services, technology support, and school improvement.
Website: www.lesd.k12.or.us
Phone: 541-461-8200
Local Educational Services, Childcare and Parenting Support

Parenting Now!
Parenting Now! provides parenting education and support to families with young children.
Website: parentingnow.org
Phone: 541-484-5316

Preschool Promise
Preschool Promise is a low-cost preschool program for income-eligible families. Sites in Cottage Grove, Creswell, Dorena, Eugene, Springfield, and Junction City.
Website: lanekids.org/preschool-promise/
Phone: 541-741-6000

Relief Nursery
Nonprofit child abuse and neglect prevention agency providing early childhood services and family supports.
Website: www.reliefnursery.org
Phone: 541-343-9706

WellMama
WellMama provides a variety of pregnancy and postpartum support to women and families. Free support groups, wellness workshops, and online chats available for women and their family members. Mental health referrals for fathers are available as well. The Unexpected Journeys support group is for families of young children with developmental delays and disabilities, or other health challenges.
Website: http://www.wellmamaoregon.com/
Phone: 1-800-896-0410 (all messages will be returned within 24 hours)
Email: info@wellmamaoregon.org
*If you are in danger of hurting yourself or others, call 911.
LOCAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DISABILITY

**Autism Society of Oregon**
Empowers individuals with autism, their families, and their service providers with programs in education, support, services, policy, advocacy, and awareness.
Website: www.autismsocietyoregon.org
Phone: 1-888-288-4761

**Bridgeway House**
A nonprofit organization that offers education, therapies, and support to children and families affected by autism and related disabilities.
Website: www.bridgewayhouse.org
Phone: 541-345-0805

**Creative Housing Solutions**
Plans and designs solutions to help make homes safe while increasing individual control and independence for people with special needs.
Website: http://gbcchs.com
Phone: 541-685-1406

**Developmental Disabilities Services: Lane County**
Provides support, case management, and crisis response for persons with developmental disabilities and their families.
Website: lanecounty.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=4133191
Phone: 541-682-3695

**Down Syndrome Network Oregon (DSNO)**
DSNO is a faith-based support group that provides comfort and acceptance for families, friends, and individuals with Down Syndrome.
Website: https://dsno.org

**Families and Communities Together (FACT)**
Offers trainings and family support to families experiencing disability. A helpline is available to answer questions, provide assistance with special education concerns, and support families in preparation for IEP/IFSP meetings.
Website: www.factoregon.org
Phone: 503-786-6082 or 1-888-988-3228

**Kindtree – Autism Rocks**
Support, services, and information for individuals and families living with autism, and the professionals who serve them.
Website: https://kindtree.org/
Phone: 541-780-6950

**Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities**
Focuses on activities that enhance the independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of Oregonians with developmental disabilities and their families.
Website: www.ocdd.org
Phone: 503-235-0369

**RideAble**
An equestrian program for people with special needs living in the Eugene/Springfield area.
Website: www.rideable.org
Phone: 530-515-2610

**The Arc Lane County**
Offers a variety of services and programs to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.
Website: www.arcline.org
Phone: 541-343-5256
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Frequently Asked Questions:

**What is Supplemental Security Income?**
SSI is a program run through the Social Security office that will make a payment for children/adults with disabilities and limited resources and income.

**What are the eligibility requirements?**
A child younger than age 18 can qualify if he/she has a physical or mental condition (or combination) that result in “marked and severe functional limitations.” Meaning the disability seriously limits the child’s activities. The condition must also be expected to last for at least 12 months.

**How do I apply? What information do I need?**
You can pick up a paper application and starter kit at your local social security office or print the application and information checklists at home. Get started here: https://www.ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_child_eng.htm

What happens next?
The disability determination services office in your state review your application and will request your child's medical and school records. Your child may need to take a free medical examination or test.

**Who do I contact for more information?**
Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213.
LOCAL MEDICAL, THERAPY, AND COUNSELING RESOURCES

Center for Community Counseling
A nonprofit mental health organization that provides affordable counseling and parent education workshops.
Website: www.ccceugene.org
Phone: 541-344-0620

Child and Family Center
A program through the University of Oregon that provides low-cost family therapy and support, and child-centered skill enhancement.
Website: https://psi.uoregon.edu/child-and-family-center
Phone: 541-346-4910

Child Development & Rehabilitation Center (CDRC)
CDRC specializes in diagnosis, assessment and intervention related to disorders affecting development. Child development, communication disorders, feeding and nutrition, outreach clinics, neurodevelopmental, etc.
Website: www.ohsu.edu/cdrc
Phone: 541-346-3575

Community Health Centers of Lane County
Provides quality, low-cost health care services at multiple health centers in Eugene and Springfield.
Website: https://www.lanecounty.org
Phone: 541-682-3550

Connect the Dots Pediatric Therapy
Provides occupational, physical, and speech therapy for children and adolescents.
Website: www.ctdpediatrictherapy.com
Phone: 541-255-2681

Direction Service Counseling Center: 541-344-7303

Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education: 541-359-4210
Youth and Family Services: 541-686-5060.
Website: www.directionservice.org

HEDCO Clinic
Multi-disciplinary training clinic within the University of Oregon. Resources include speech language services, counseling for parents, and applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy.
Website: https://hedcoclinic.uoregon.edu
Phone: 541-346-0923

Lane County Public Health
Provides immunizations and family healthcare. Home visits for health and parenting support for eligible families.
Website: lanecounty.org/cms/one.aspx?pageld=4078590
Phone: 541-682-4041
COVID-19 Call Center: 541-682-1380
LOCAL MEDICAL, THERAPY, AND COUNSELING RESOURCES

Options Counseling
Individual counseling, dialectical behavioral therapy group, Circle of Security parenting group, parent-child interaction therapy.
Website: wp.options.org
Phone: 541-687-6983

Oregon Community Programs
Offers parent-child interaction therapy for children ages 2 to 6 with behavior challenges. Early Childhood CARES clients with OHP may receive services at our main office. Contact your service coordinator for a referral. All other families may contact Oregon Community Programs directly.
Website: oregoncommunityprograms.org
Phone: 541-743-4348

Oregon Family Support Network
Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN) Lane County partners with families of children who experience behavioral, emotional or mental health challenges to help them succeed at home, school and in life. The following services are offered: Peer Support, Wraparound Family Partners, Monthly Events for Families.
Website: https://www.ofsn.org/ofsn-regional-offices-oregon/ofsn-lane-county-oregon/
Phone: 541-342-2876

The Child Center
Mental health assessments, outpatient counseling, intensive treatment, and crisis intervention. Free collaborative problem solving parenting classes.
Website: https://www.thechildcenter.org
Phone: 541-726-1465

The Trauma Healing Project
Low-cost healing and wellness services, including acupuncture, art therapy, yoga, and movement. Scholarships available.
Website: https://healingattention.org/
Phone: 541-687-9447
CAHOOTS Crisis Center
Provides immediate stabilization in case of urgent medical need or psychological crisis in Eugene/Springfield. Dispatched through the non-emergency police phone numbers.
Eugene: 541-682-5111
Springfield: 541-726-3714

Respite Opportunities
These services may not be available during the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact the provider for the most updated information.

The Arc Saturday Respite Program
This program is for children ages 5 to 21 with developmental disabilities. Two Saturdays per month September through June at 4181 E St., Springfield. Families provide a sack lunch.
Contact Annie for more information at annie.wahto@arcline.org.

The Arc JumpStart!
After school childcare practicing independence, communication, and community living skills. Ages 5 to 21. Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. non-school days.
Contact Annie for more information at annie.wahto@arcline.org.

Social Groups at Bridgeway House
Bridgeway House Social Groups provide a supportive setting for children to practice their social skills and build friendships. Groups are generally composed of children of similar ages and skill levels. Some groups are based on similar special interests (e.g. Legos or Minecraft). Call 541-345-0805 for more information.

Family Fun Events
Families Connected also organizes monthly Family Fun Events where families are able to connect with other families in community settings. Check the website for up-to-date information on dates and locations.

Summer Recreation Co-op
Join other families experiencing disability in the community for fun events throughout the summer. Schedule is available on Facebook at facebook.com/FamiliesConnectedCommunityCalendar.
Early Childhood CARES has training funds available that families may use to attend a workshop, training or conference. Parents can access funds to pay for conference registration fees, lodging, food, transportation or childcare. Parents may contact their service provider and request a form that will need to be completed and returned to Early Childhood CARES for pre-approval.

Getting Involved in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

Local Statutory Oversight Committee: Eugene, OR
The Statutory Oversight Committee (SOC) is comprised of service providers, community agencies, school district personnel and Early Childhood CARES families meeting to discuss fiscal issues and the delivery of services to children and their families. Meetings are quarterly from 9-10:30 a.m. at Early Childhood CARES, 1500 W 12th Ave., Eugene. Childcare is not provided for SOC meetings, however, parents may request a $25 stipend which may be used to pay for self-arranged childcare. Please call 841-346-2578 for more information.

Getting Involved at the State Level

Oregon Disability Network
The Oregon Disability Network is a collaborative statewide network of disability organizations and their members, including people with disabilities, their families, friends, providers, and policy makers. Members share information, learn about training events and empowerment opportunities and have the chance to voice their opinions on policy issues. Visit www.ocdd.org or call 503-235-0369.

Alliance for Early Intervention
The Alliance for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (AEI) works with parents and professionals to advocate on behalf of early intervention and early childhood special education. Visit the AEI website at http://www.oregonaei.org or on http://www.facebook.com/OregonAEI to find updates about legislative issues, links to blogs and articles with an EI/ECSE focus. Monthly emails provide information about current services and opportunities to be involved and informed.
Summer Activity Guide
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Empowers young people with hands-on learning experiences to help them grow and thrive. Plant and animal sciences, outdoor education, school enrichment, civic engagement, social skills and life skills, STEM. Fees vary.

LaneCounty4H@oregonstate.edu
541-344-5043

ADVENTURE! CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
10 am – 6 pm Weekdays. 11 am – 6 pm Weekends.
$5 / person, free for 2 or younger.
Reduced admission for EBT cardholders.
541-653-9629
490 Valley River Center, Eugene

AMAZON COMMUNITY CENTER
Fitness, family art classes, outdoor concerts, summer camps, pre-school program. Scholarships available.
541-682-5373
2700 Hilyard St., Eugene

AMAZON POOL
Outdoor pool is open May – October, featuring 3 pools with 2 water slides, a diving platform, hot tub, a sandbox. Lap & rec swims, lessons, & water-based fitness classes.
541-682-5350
2600 Hilyard St., Eugene

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA)
For youth of all genders in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement, and leadership development, camping, skill building, and connection.
https://www.scouting.org/about/local- council-locator/

BOUNCE GYMNASTICS
Gymnastics & Circus Arts classes and camps for all ages. Aerial arts, ninja zone, cheer camps.
541-343-4222
329 W 3rd Ave, Eugene

CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER
Nature center specializing in raptors. $9 adults, $8 students, $6 for kids under age 12. Free family passes can be checked out at Lane County libraries (up to $30)

DEFY EXTREME AIR SPORTS
$13-$17 / hour, depending on age. 2 and younger are free with another paid jumper. Trampolines, obstacle course, zip line. Jump socks required ($3).

ECHO HOLLOW POOL
Lap & recreational swims, lessons, water-based fitness classes, fitness equipment.
541-682-5525
1655 Echo Hollow Rd, Eugene

EUGENE FAMILY YMCA
Recreational programs, group fitness & swim lessons for people of all ages. Scholarships available.
541-686-9622
2055 Patterson, Eugene

EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Story time, activities for children & families. See website for current information. Free for City of Eugene residents. Can purchase pass if outside Eugene.
Downtown Branch - 100 W. 10th - 541-682-8316
Bethel Branch - 1990 Echo Hollow Rd - 541-682-5450
Sheldon Branch
1566 Coburg Rd - 541-682-5450
EUGENE SCIENCE CENTER
Science exhibits, planetarium, camps. Reduced rates with EBT card.
541-682-7887
2300 Leo Harris Pkwy, Eugene

GET AIR
Trampoline park, ninja course, foam pit, dodge ball, toddler area. Prices are $10–15 / hour, depending on height of the child. Jump socks are required ($3 / pair). 541-827-1016
4211 W 11th Ave, Eugene

GIRL SCOUTS OF OREGON AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
Engaging, challenging, fun activities like earning badges, going on trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects.
541-485-5911
72 Centennial Loop #300, Eugene

GO MOM GO
Online calendar of local classes, activities, events for children in Lane County.
www.gomomgoeugene.com/

GREENHILL YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
For youth age 12-15. Must commit to 2 hours / week for 3-6 months. Youth must be supervised by a guardian over the age of 18 at all times.
541-844-1777
88530 Green Hill Rd, Eugene

HILYARD COMMUNITY CENTER
Camps, trips, drama, music, fitness, support groups, sports, Paralympic sports, veteran programs, adaptive equipment rentals.
541-682-5311
2580 Hilyard St., Eugene

KIDSPORTS
TPositive youth team sports experiences. Equipment Room open M-F 7:30–5:30
541-683-2374
2190 Polk St, Eug

LANEKIDS
Calendar of local events for children in Lane County.
www.lanekids.org/events/

LITTLE HANDS CAN
Local volunteer opportunities for children.
http://littlehandscan.org

MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY (U OF O)
Online and in person visits. Open Wed – Sun, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m. General admission: $6. Seniors and youth (3-18): $4. Families (2 adults, 2 youth): $12. Children under 2, UO students / staff, veterans / active duty military personnel: FREE.
541-346-3024
mnch@uoregon.edu
1680 East 15th Avenue, Eugene

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
Classes and camps for all ages.
541-344-2002
1205 Oak Patch Rd., Eugene
**PETERTSON BARN**
Programs for youth, families & seniors including pre-school & afterschool programs
870 Bertzen Rd, Eugene 541-682-5521

**RIVER ROAD PARKS & REC**
Fitness & enrichment opportunities for youth & adults. Gymnastics program, swim lessons, camps.
541-688-4052
1400 Lake Dr, Eugene

**ROARING RAPIDS PIZZA**
Pizza place with a working carousel.
541-988-9819
4006 Franklin Blvd

**SHELDON COMMUNITY CENTER**
Preschool, after school programs, camps, fitness center. Pool - lap & rec swim, lessons, water-based fitness classes.
541-682-5312
2445 Willakenzie Rd, Eugene

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Story time, events for families. Check the website for a current calendar. Free for City of Springfield residents
541-726-3766
225 N 5th St, Springfield

**WILLAMALANE PARKS & RECREATION**
Fitness & enrichment classes, camps & preschool & afterschool programs. Scholarships available.
541-736-4544
250 S. 32nd, Springfield

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**Nature and Outdoor Recreation**

**ANNIE MIMS COMMUNITY GARDEN**
This community garden is a place for community to gather, grow and garden. It is sponsored by the NAACP and hosted by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.
255 Maxwell, Eugene

**NEARBY NATURE**
Register online for in-person Nearby Nature School, summer day camps, Green Start Play Days, Nature Quests, Haunted Hike, and Citizen Science Saturdays.
541-687-9699
622 Day Island Road, Eugene

**WHOLE EARTH NATURE SCHOOL**
Unique nature connection programs, utilizing an approach rooted in ancient knowledge, filled with real-life experience, and sprinkled with a touch of mystery. Outdoor school, distance learning, after school programs, camps.
541-937-5437
EUGENE PARKS AND NATURE AREAS
For a comprehensive list of parks and natural areas in Eugene, take a look at this website: https://www.eugene-or.gov/632/Parks-and-Natural-Areas-A-Z
1820 Roosevelt Blvd., Eugene
541-682-4800

CITY OF EUGENE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS
Six community gardens throughout Eugene with more than 340 plots. Low-income gardeners may submit a Scholarship Application to receive a plot fee discount. Community Organizations may submit a Community Garden Partnership Application to have the plot fee waived

HUERTO DE LA FAMILIA
Estamos ampliando las oportunidades y la capacitación en agricultura orgánica y la creación de empresas a las familias. We increase the health and economic security of Latinos in Lane County, Oregon by providing opportunities and training in organic agriculture and business creation to families.

FFLC GARDENS AND FARM
The GrassRoots Garden and the Youth Farm grow fresh nutritious food for distribution while providing opportunities for youth and adults to grow, learn and contribute to their community. Seed to SupperTM is a free beginning vegetable gardening course that teaches participants how to garden on a budget.
770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene
541-343-2822

LOCALLY GROWN GUIDE
A free guide to Lane County farmer’s markets, farm stands, U-Picks, CSAs, and more.
info@willamettefarmandfood.org
541-658-0715

LANE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Affordable / free educational opportunities, gardening advice, classes, and activities.
996 Jefferson Street, Eugene
lane.extension@oregonstate.edu
- Office: 541-344-5859
- Master Gardeners: 541-344-0265
- Master Food Preservers: 541-344-4885
- 4-H Youth: 541-344-5043
- Nutrition Education: 541-344-0249

PARKER LEARNING GARDENS
Our gardens offer creative environments for garden-based education. Planting, cultivating and harvesting in a garden enables tangible, real-life involvement that provides sensory and exploratory learning for a multitude of ages and audiences.
31241 Lanes Turn Road, Eugene
info@parkerlearninggardens.com

SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT OF LANE COUNTY
We help Lane County schools develop onsite vegetable gardens where we teach children the basics of growing food. We also provide material and curriculum resources; professional development for educators; volunteer recruiting and training; and maintenance support to sustain and expand gardens.

SEED LIBRARY (EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY)
Get seeds: Choose seeds by self-service at any library location. At the Downtown Library, find the Seed Library on the 2nd floor in one of our vintage card catalogs. Seeds are also available in smaller collections at our Bethel and Sheldon branches.
Donate seeds: Seed donations can be dropped off at the Seed Library box on the Information Desk at the Downtown Library, or given to staff at Bethel and Sheldon branches. You can donate seeds you have purchased, even if the packet has been opened or partially used. We also accept locally grown and harvested seeds if they are clean, dry, and stored in a labeled container. Download and print a donation form to attach to the seeds.
FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

We invite all children and youth age 18 and younger to eat lunch for free during the summer months. Employees serve meals at schools and community centers located throughout Lane County. Each summer, FFLC serves thousands of lunches and breakfasts to children through the Summer Food Program. https://foodforlanecounty.org

FREE AND REDUCED RATES AT NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERAL LAND (BLM)

People with disabilities can apply for an 'Interagency Access Pass' that allows free or reduced rate for themselves and their families to many of the Federal parks, campgrounds and recreation areas through the country. There is no minimum age limit to obtain a pass. Obtain one in person with proof of a medically determined permanent disability and residency to any staff BLM, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service or Forest Service office. https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/passes