

MID-VALLEY COURT & COMMUNITY CARE



SUPPORT HB 2842

Mid-Valley Court and Community Care offers FREE, drop-in childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years, providing families with a childcare option while they attend to court-related matters or other essential business.

Established in 2017, Court and Community Care safeguards children from witnessing potentially tense and traumatizing court proceedings. The program allows caregivers to focus on their court-related responsibilities, minimizes disruptions during courtroom proceedings and appointments, and offers children a safe space to grow, learn, and play.

REASONS FOR CARE

Court-related business | Court hearings
DHS appointments | Treatment Court
Behavioral Health Appointments | Other
reasons such as employment, medical,
and social service related appointments.

THE FACTS

Currently open and operating out of the Salem Withnell Family YMCA, Court and Community Care is able to serve a few families on a part-time basis but needs to expand hours of use to accommodate growing demand.

From 2017-2019:

- 85% of court staff agreed that the program is valuable to the community.
- The program was used 1,500 times when operating full time.
- 95% of judges had reported seeing fewer children in the courtroom.

As childcare needs continue to grow, Court and Community Care must grow too. Combined with privately raised funds and a \$30,000 grant from the Judith K. Hofer Philanthropic Fund of Oregon Community Foundation, HB 2842 will allow us to expand our hours and the number of families served.

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