



"This class helped me to become a better parent. It reduced my stress level and brought joy into family life."

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The Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative (OPEC) supports:

- Delivery of high quality parenting education programs
- Coordinated efforts to strengthen regional parenting education systems

The OPEC objectives are: all Oregon parents will have access to high quality parenting education programs that support them in their critical role as their children's first teachers; all Oregon communities will be served by a network of strong parenting programs and a regional parenting education Hub; and parenting education will be a community norm.

OPEC is a partnership of four of Oregon's largest foundations (The Oregon Community Foundation, The Ford Family Foundation, the Meyer Memorial Trust and The Collins Foundation) and Oregon State University (OSU). In addition to funding, OPEC supports grantees through evaluation, technical assistance and professional development led by OSU.

The Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative is:

A multi-year grant program to support delivery of parenting education programs

- Ten organizations receiving "Small Grants" are expanding access to programs
- Programming includes class series, workshops, home visits and family events

Developing and strengthening collaborative regional parenting education Hubs

- Fifteen parenting Hubs are reaching 27 of 36 Oregon counties and Siskiyou County, California
- Many Hubs provide parenting education programs to previously underserved audiences and geographic areas
- Hubs work with partners to ensure effective use of resources

Encouraging an expansive view of parenting education, to include schools, child care, health care providers and other family-serving organizations

- Representatives from a range of organizations serve on Hub Advisory Councils
- Hubs are working to increase acceptance of parenting education

Outcomes from the first three and a half years of the initiative are impressive and promising:

- Parents reported significant improvements in parenting skills and child behavior
- 3,919 parents attended 462 evidence-based class series funded by OPEC
- A total of 3,304 new families were reached with home visits
- More than 57,000 parents participated in workshops and events
- Grantees leveraged more than \$7 million in new funding or in-kind contributions