

# ♥ RELIEF NURSERY in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ♥

A Ten-Year Statistical Summary covering Fiscal Years 2001 - 2010

The following numbers, unless otherwise indicated, are averages calculated from internal Relief Nursery tracking data collected over the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2010.  
*Explanatory notes appear on the other side of this page.*

Number served per year, all programs and services:

♥ **856 Families**                      ♥ **1,056 children**                      ♥ **1,424 adults**

Number served per year, therapeutic programs:<sup>1</sup>

• 508 Families                      • 530 children                      715 adults

Number served per year, Outreach:

• 250 Families                      • 345 children

Geographical Distribution:

• Eugene: 55%                      • Springfield: 35%                      • Other/Rural: 10%

Racial/Ethnic Diversity:<sup>3</sup>

*MINORITY AS PROPORTION OF TOTAL CHILD POPULATION*                      AVERAGE: 28%                      CURRENT: **32%**

|                            | <u>UNDUPLICATED</u> | <u>DUPLICATED</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ASIAN . . . . .            | 0.5 %               | 1.3 %             |
| BLACK . . . . .            | 4.2 %               | 3.2 %             |
| CAUCASIAN . . . . .        | 67.4 %              | 77.3 %            |
| HISPANIC . . . . .         | 20.4 %              | 24.3 %            |
| PACIFIC ISLANDER . . . . . | 0.2 %               | 0.5 %             |
| NATIVE AMERICAN . . . . .  | 3.0 %               | 3.1 %             |
| OTHER . . . . .            | 2.9 %               | 2.8 %             |
| UNREPORTED . . . . .       | 1.4 %               | 3.3 %             |
| MULTI-RACIAL . . . . .     | . . . . .           | 12.1 %            |
|                            | 100.0%              |                   |

Age of child population:

• Infants (under 1 year of age): 42%                      • All children age 3 or younger: 86%

Risk Profile (top ten most common risk factors):<sup>4</sup>

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| Extreme Low Income/Poverty      | 100% <sup>5</sup> | Single Parent Home                | 52% |
| Unemployment                    | 75%               | Low Self Esteem                   | 51% |
| High Stress                     | 68%               | Domestic Violence                 | 46% |
| Substance Abuse                 | 55% <sup>6</sup>  | Child Protective Services History | 45% |
| Lack of Personal Support System | 54%               | Anger Issues                      | 40% |

Total number of family risk factors:<sup>7</sup>                      More than 5: 85%  
 More than 10: 55%

Children *not* requiring additional CPS reports after Relief Nursery enrollment:<sup>8</sup> 95%

Children requiring Foster Care Placement after Relief Nursery Enrollment: 2%

Children showing appropriate developmental progress after Relief Nursery enrollment:<sup>9</sup>

• Appropriate development, not requiring Special Education Services: 93%  
 • Appropriate development with Special Education Services: 7%

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Therapeutic programs include:

- Therapeutic Early Childhood Program / Home Base
- Families Together / Parenting Education
- Healthy Start
- Special Education

*Total* numbers include therapeutic and all other programs and services (Outreach; Accessing Success; Mental Health Counseling; Relief Mobile; Safety Net; etc.)

<sup>2</sup> Geographical distribution is to a certain extent governed by the *conditional use permit* under which the Relief Nursery's Eugene facility is allowed to operate, which specifies that a majority of families served must be Eugene residents. Actual proportion of Eugene families served has varies between 53% and 62%. Noting a significant and increasing number of Springfield families on our waiting list for services, the Relief Nursery is in the process of establishing a second permanent facility in Springfield.

<sup>3</sup> The Racial/Ethnic diversity of the Relief Nursery has always been somewhat higher than the general distribution of minority populations in the County, thanks in part to intensive proactive efforts to reach diverse and under served populations with needed services. The *duplicated* numbers given count multiethnic children in *each* ethnic category claimed by their parents. For example, a child with one Caucasian and one Hispanic parent would be included in both of these categories.

Note: Over the past decade our Hispanic population has grown from 5.1% in 2000 to the current high of 20.9% (unduplicated). In duplicated count, 24.3% of our families include at least one Hispanic parent.

<sup>4</sup> Risk factors: The Relief Nursery tracks 48 risk factors which research has closely correlated with increased risk of child abuse and/or neglect. Some of these appear consistently in our population from year to year, and the first eight of the "top ten" risk factors cited have appeared among the top ten every year that statistics have been compiled.

<sup>5</sup> Low Income is determined by federal HUD standards (\$27,750 annually for a family of four); Poverty is determined by the Federal Poverty Income Level standard (\$21,200/year/family of four). Depending on general economic circumstances during the past ten years between 58% and 76% of Relief Nursery families have been living in poverty at time of intake.

<sup>6</sup> Substance Abuse, as all other risk factors, is profiled at time of intake. It has been our experience through our family-centered recovery support program *Accessing Success* that a families become more comfortable with, and more trusting of Relief Nursery interventionists, they subsequently disclose A & D issues not noted at intake. These disclosures put the actual proportion of client families with substance abuse issues at between 70% - 75%.

Research has shown that the *number* of risk factors a family has is a more certain indicator of their risk for involvement with abuse or neglect than the particular kinds of risk factors involved. *Five* or more risk factors is generally agreed to place children in a family at serious to extreme risk for abuse/neglect.

<sup>8</sup> Given the fact that nearly half of our client families already have a history with Child Protective Services, the fact only 5% or fewer of our children require abuse/neglect reports after Relief Nursery enrollment is a highly significant outcome.

By the end of one year of Relief Nursery services, 100% of Relief Nursery children are showing appropriate developmental progress. When screenings indicate that a child needs special education services, Relief Nursery provides these services, and monitors the child's progress through periodic assessment.