

Wallowa County Vitality Summit – Presenter Questionnaire

Organization: **Building Healthy Families**

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Mission and purpose in Wallowa County:

Building Healthy Families (BHF) is an independent, nonprofit family support organization, offering personalized universal education and support for parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, children and students through diversified programming. At BHF, we focus on child development, age-appropriate behavior, parent-child interaction, positive discipline, and family health and safety. We promote family access to needed resources in the community and advocate for children and families. Working in Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties, BHF staff serve approximately 400 Eastern Oregon families per month, with a client base open to any individual involved in the life of a child. While the large majority of our services are universal, specific programs target unique populations including fathers, families struggling with addiction, first-time mothers, court ordered /DHS referred families, baby boomers and families with adjudicated individuals.

Building Healthy Families currently umbrellas 26 family education and support programs: Alternative Education: High School; Adult Mentoring- GED Prep; Books Bridging Generations; Community Events; Community Resource Team; Exploration K-4th (Out-of-School-Time); Exploration K-4th Summer Program; Exploration 5th-12th Tutoring/Mentor; Family Support & Connections; Healthy Start; Learning Center (1-4 yrs of age); Literacy Link; Moral Reconciliation Therapy; Natural Helpers; Northeast Oregon Safe Kids Coalition; Parent Education Classes; Parent Education Workshops; Relationship Based Visitation; Family Visitation; School-One-Stop; Toddler Groups (weekly); Thinking for a Change (T4C) Wallowa County Prevention AD 70&80; Well Baby Bags; Youth Entrepreneurship Program; and Youth Suicide Prevention.

Mission Statement: Building Healthy Families strengthens families through proven family education and support programs and helps create family environments that assure children's school readiness, success, and life skills.

Vision: All Northeast Oregon families have the skills to nurture healthy, productive children

Tagline: Strengthening families through education and support

Key metrics/outcomes/impact for the past year:

Reduction in child abuse and neglect and an increase in school readiness and success

While BHF is committed to early childhood services, we also embrace education as a continuum from birth to employment. In addition, we recognize the roles of schools, families, community, socioeconomic conditions and other factors that impact the outcome of a child, their family and the community. BHF is committed to supporting Northeast Oregon children to achieve school readiness, success and the development of a workforce able to contribute to the global economy.

Why BHF: Because we all have a personal and financial interest in the health, welfare, and education of children, families, and our communities.

Current top 3 priorities/focus areas:

- The development of Eastern Oregon Community Based Services Hub
- The Alignment and development of evidence-based, family focused P-20 services in Baker, Union, and Wallowa Counties
- Secure a community service facility in Baker and Wallowa Counties.

Challenges that you most need help with, either from another organization or the community at large:

- Assessment of community services and community needs
- Transition from the current education and support systems to the Oregon Education Investment Board and Community Based Services Hubs

Top 3 opportunities you see for the coming year:

- Develop a Wallowa County facility that will function as a “One Stop” family education and support service center.
- Mapping of Wallowa County services for children and families Prenatal-20 years of age.
- Increased collaboration with key community partners

of current active/serious collaborators:

BHF celebrates over 50 cross system and/or strategic partnerships.

Who would you like to collaborate with more?

The Medical Community and Wallowa County School Districts