



Together for Children 2010 - 2011 Menu of Options

Following is the menu of options available for the winter term of Together For Children. Please, fill out the enrollment form, pay the enrollment fee of \$20 and indicate your interest in the options below. **Do not send any more money** until notified by the Together For Children staff that you have successfully been placed as a participant. If there is not room at this time, or if the group of your choice doesn't happen, your enrollment fee will be refunded. **If you are successful in being placed, the full tuition cost will be due the first session of the term.** You may choose as many options as you like using one family enrollment of \$20.

Description

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interested

Primary Group: Parent with one child (1 through 3 years) attend a **two-hour** weekly session together for **30** weeks.

- 1 hour of a parent/child playgroup
- 1 hour of parent education
- 1 hour of children's program (while parents attend parent education)

Groups are scheduled to start the **last week of September**.

Bend Alyce Hatch Center (circle your choice)
1406 NW Juniper
Fridays: 8:30-10:30 a.m., under 2 years old
11:00- 1:00 p.m., 2 through 3 year olds

Sisters Little Cloverdale School
68797 George Cyrus Rd
Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., all ages through 3

Redmond ESD Manzanita Bldg, Classroom A
1212 NE 5th, Redmond
Mondays, 10:00 – 12:00 a.m., all ages through 3

Group size is a maximum of 10 families, minimum of 8, depending on the number of families with additional children. The maximum number of children is 12 per group. Parents will be expected to assist the early childhood educator during one of the parent education sessions.

Cost \$355 + \$20 enrollment fee for 30 week enrollment (\$140 per 10 week term if paying in three installments or for one term)

▶ **NEW Online Parent Education with Once a Month Family Event:** Parent participates weekly in an online one hour discussion group of parenting topics for 10 weeks. Skype or conference calling will allow parents to connect while still at home. Will start when a minimum of 6 families register for this option.

Cost \$80

Babies Discussion Group: For parents and infants 3 months to a year and non-walking. Parents participate with their infant for 1 ¼ hours for 30 weeks. Minimum of 6 maximum of 10 parents. Starting the last week of September (Bend only, families from other communities welcome). Day and time still in negotiation.
Cost \$210 + \$20 enrollment fee for 30 week enrollment (\$90 per term if paying in three installment or for one term)

▶ **NEW Father/Child Playgroup and Parent Education:** One hour of parent education for dads with a half hour of playtime for dads and child.
10 weeks of program, Bend only, dads from other communities welcome. Will start when a minimum of 6 dads register for this program.
Cost \$90.

Home Visits: 1 hr. weekly home visits for 5 weeks (scheduled through the fall term) that brings a certified parent educator/early childhood specialist into your home for individual parenting information, appropriate environment evaluation, and parent/child interaction suggestions. Times arranged to meet the needs of the participating family.
Cost \$350 -or- 1 hr. home visit with same format as above, arranged at a time convenient for individual families. \$75

Together For Children Family Enrollment Form

Please return with enrollment fee to:

Together For Children, 2125 NE Daggett Ln., Bend, OR 97701

Parents' Names:

First

Last

First

Last

Mailing Address:

Street

City

Zip Code

Phone #:

Home

Work /Message

Cell

Email #:

Participating Children:

Name _____

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Name _____

D of B _____

Have you been enrolled in TFC in previous years : _____

Yes

No

Community where you wish to participate: (Circle your preference)

Bend

Sisters

Redmond

Enrollment fee: \$20

Amount of money enclosed: _____ Check # _____ Check is in the mail _____

(You may return the form via email, however, your space will not be secured until the enrollment fee has been received)

Enrolling a family allows participation in as many of the options as desired (please see "Menu Options").

Contact us: Linda Gilpin 389-9317 (office) 280-9686 (cell)

Visit us: www.together-for-children.org

Together For Children Philosophy

Together For Children is based on the belief that the first years of a child's life are critical to their development. We believe that parents are the first and most important teachers in a child's life. The mission of Together For Children is to *enhance the lives of children by strengthening families through parent education, parent/child interaction and community support*. It is the goal of the program to work with parents in learning to enjoy, understand, communicate, cope with and appreciate every aspect of their child's development.

We ask parents to be good observers of their children, to be sensitive to their needs and be willing to participate in all of the program offerings. The parent education component of the program is designed as a time for education, information sharing and support building. The curriculum we use is research based and carefully selected for parents with children from birth through three years old. We pledge to be sensitive to the needs of each child and parent, working hard to provide a program that is valued and enjoyed.

Together For Children is a program in which parents enroll, with many different opportunities. When enrolling in the program, parents agree to the following responsibilities of the program. Please, read them carefully and indicate your agreement by signing.

I understand the Together For Children philosophy and will, to the best of my ability:

- participate in at least one fund raiser in a significant way during the year. In addition, I will volunteer where needed. This may consist of serving on the Board of Directors, coordinating an activity, chairing a committee, facilitating a group, soliciting donations, assisting with set up, take down or clean-up of our meeting space or assisting on a rotating basis during the children's program.
- support the other families in my group.
- understand that if my attendance drops below 80%, my place in the group may be opened up to a family on the waiting list and enrollment and registration fees will not be returned.
- notify staff when I am unable to attend a group or activity.
- abide by the Together For Children policy of *alternative methods of discipline*, refraining from shaking, hitting, slapping, spanking or speaking disrespectfully to my child (children).
- abide by the Together For Children *Sick Child Policy* as described by the staff.
- confine diaper changing to the area that has been provided *in the restrooms*.
- see that all library material and toys are used safely and in a reasonable manner.
- accept responsibility for loss or damage to books, tapes, videos or toys that have been borrowed, making sure replacement or repairs happen in a timely manner.
- help facilitate changes that may be necessary, by speaking to a staff person privately when I am displeased or upset about something in the program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Photo and Directory Information Release

Together For Children has permission to use photographs or video tapes of myself, or my child, for promotion and marketing, which may include newspaper articles, brochures, posters, slides, or power point presentations. **Yes** ___ **NO** ___

Signed: _____ Date: _____

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN DEMOGRAPHICS

Children and Families:

Our family size is _____ adults and _____ children

Number of parents who live in the home _____

Total number of adults who live in the home _____

The age category and ethnicity of the parents of the TFC child, as of September 1 is:

Female: 15 years or less	_____	Male: 15 years or less	_____	Ethnicity:	_____
16 - 18 years	_____	16 - 18 years	_____		_____
19 - 22 years	_____	19 - 22 years	_____		_____
23 - 29 years	_____	23- 29 years	_____		_____
30 - 39 years	_____	30 - 39 years	_____		_____
40 - 49 years	_____	40 - 49 years	_____		_____
50 years +	_____	50 years +	_____		_____

Number of children who live in the home under the age of 18 _____

The age category and ethnicity of your child or children as of September 1 is (indicate the # that applies in each category):

Female: under 1	_____	Male: under 1	_____	Ethnicity:	_____
1 year old	_____	1 year old	_____		_____
2 years old	_____	2 years old	_____		_____
3 years old	_____	3 years old	_____		_____
4 years or older	_____	4 years or older	_____		_____

Child lives with:

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|--|-----------|----------|
| a. Biological parents | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| b. Biological parent and a step or adoptive parent | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| c. Adoptive parents | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| d. Foster parents | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| d. Family members other than parents | Yes _____ | No _____ |

* child lives with: _____

Additional people living in the home beyond nuclear family are:

- _____
- _____
- _____

What language is most frequently used in your home? _____

Has your family moved more than twice during the year prior to enrollment or on an average of two or more moves per year? _____ Yes _____ No

Was your child born prematurely (less than 35 weeks)? _____ Yes _____ No

How many weeks early? _____

Family Net Income: (check category that applies)

\$25,000 and under	_____
\$25,001 to \$36,000	_____
\$36,001 to \$47,000	_____
\$47,001 to \$58,000	_____
\$58,001 and above	_____

over

The Head of our Household is:

Employed full-time _____
(35 hours per week or more)
Employed part-time _____
Seasonally employed _____
Unemployed _____
Retired/Fully disabled _____
Training/School _____
No information _____
Are both parents of the TFC child employed? _____ Yes _____ No
Does family use childcare on a regular basis? _____ Yes _____ No
Is your child in a preschool program? _____ Yes _____ No
Which one? _____
Are any of the children in the household in elementary school? _____ Yes _____ No
Are any of the children frequently absent from school (K-12) _____ Yes _____ No

Education Level of Parents:

9th grade or less Mother ____ Father ____
10th – 11th grades Mother ____ Father ____
12th grade Mother ____ Father ____
High School Graduate Mother ____ Father ____
GED Mother ____ Father ____
Some college or training from a trade school Mother ____ Father ____
Two year college degree Mother ____ Father ____
Four year college degree Mother ____ Father ____
Masters level or higher Mother ____ Father ____
Don't know Mother ____ Father ____

Using the above levels, what is the highest educational level completed by the TFC child's primary caretaker if other than the mother or father? _____

The following information is not mandatory and will be used solely to help TFC staff serve families better and for statistical purposes.

Health Insurance:

a. Family has health insurance Yes _____ No _____
b. Private carrier Yes _____ No _____
c. Oregon Health Plan Yes _____ No _____
d. Other _____
Family has a family physician/ health care provider Yes _____ No _____

Marital Status:

a. Married or living with a Domestic Partner Yes _____ No _____
b. Separated Yes _____ No _____
c. Divorced Yes _____ No _____
d. Widowed Yes _____ No _____

Main areas of stress in the family are:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Other agencies besides TFC serving the family are: _____
Referred by: _____