

RHIP MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

ODHS District 10 Enhancement and Promotion of Well-Being

Organization: Oregon Dept of Human Services

Reviewed by: Upstream Prevention: Promotion of Individual Well-Being

Summary of Results

- Provided tangible needs to clients who were experiencing trauma, poverty, and marginalization through domestic abuse, loss of residence or income, child abuse, mental health and medical issues, substance use disorders, discrimination, bias, and racism.
- ODHS stocked all seven offices in the tri-county area with diapers, wipes, propane, hygiene items, clothing, fuel gift cards, and met individual needs such as car seats, strollers, retail store and grocery gift cards, adult diapers, cleaning supplies, lice and bed bug treatments, household items, and much more.
- ODHS provided 200 clients with items correlated with health & well-being resulting in historically under-served & marginalized populations reporting increased ability & motivation to access care by medical and mental health professionals.

Story

The project supported a single mother who gave birth to preemie twins, joining a 13-year-old, and 1, 2, 4 and 5 year old siblings. The twins had many appointments. The project provided for a child-friendly wagon to pull the youngest siblings, a twin baby carrier, diapers, clothes, and other items for the twins and siblings. The support ODHS offered was the conduit to garnering trust and rapport, leading to a willingness to explore public benefits, support by a Family Coach, and housing.