

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for Healthy Families Oregon – High Desert (RHIP)

“Basic Needs- Healthy Families of the High Desert”

Reviewed by the Address Poverty and Enhance Self-Sufficiency Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- The benefits and outcomes were as varied as the needs. Healthy Families serves families who are struggling.
- Most are from trauma impacted childhoods and are experiencing poverty. Families were feeling trapped inside, isolated and were met with passes to state parks.
- A family was living in staggering heat and was provided a small air conditioner.
- Another family, living in a cramped travel trailer had been handwashing dirty clothing in the bathtub and was provided a mini washing machine.
- A family who was ill and stranded at home, was brought a humidifier, food, and medicine.
- Babies who had outgrown their infant car seats were given new ones.
- Families were furnished with cards to shop for clothing for their babies who were still growing during the pandemic.
- Families who were rationing diapers/wipes were given diapers/wipes.
- Families experiencing food insecurity were supplied with cards for food.
- Many families who needed fuel to get work were given gas vouchers.
- Family stress was lessened.

Story:

A newly enrolled family had moved to La Pine. The mother has cognitive challenges and is supported by SSD. Mom and baby were living in a travel trailer out on some vacant land with no address. Mom was frantic when she realized she would not be able to receive her Social Security check without an address or Post Office box, but she had no money for a PO box. Using these funds- and some creativity, Healthy Families was able to help mom quickly pay for a Post Office Box. The family's SSD checks were sent uninterrupted. This could not have happened without this funding.

Quote:

"For my family, this program has been an irreplaceable lifeline" " Healthy Families home visits are invaluable especially during COVID