

Investing in the Education & Treatment of our Region's most Vulnerable Students.

Serendipity is seeking a \$2.8 million dollar investment in the expansion of Serendipity's Therapeutic School program in order to meet a growing and critical public need exacerbated by the COVID pandemic..



The Urgent Need

In every school district, there are some students who are not being helped to learn and whose behaviors can compromise the learning and safety of others.

Serendipity fills the void by serving children whose needs public schools cannot meet.

The challenges Serendipity students face:

100%	99%	43%	66%
met criteria for a mental health diagnosis	qualified for Special Education Services	experienced multiple failed school placements	experienced at least one Adverse Childhood Experience*

This results in the following disruptive behavioral concerns, taken directly from district referrals:

80%	68%	39%	33%
Show Physical Aggression	Show Verbal Aggression	Show Self-Endangering Behavior	Have a history of Multiple Suspensions

* Physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, verbal abuse, witnessing domestic violence, neglect, mental illness within the family, substance abuse within the family, incarceration of household member, divorce or separation, or homelessness. 30% have experienced four or more of these traumas.

Serendipity partners with over 20 referring school districts, and every year maintains a waiting list.

Increasing Capacity at Serendipity is Essential.

What are the benefits to Oregon?

- Supports Oregon's educational equity vision.
- Supports implementation of the Student Success Act.
- Shared costs through blending revenue sources.

What are the costs to these students and our community if they are denied access to an educational model designed to meet their needs?

Oregon has one of the highest rates in the nation for mental illness and ranks 47th overall in mental wellness for youth.

The COVID-19 pandemic and dramatic stressors experienced by families and children will bring unprecedented challenges to Oregon schools, which are unprepared to meet the significant increase in acuity.



The Purposes for Expansion

This expansion creates a true Trauma-Informed Campus:

Increases student capacity in anticipation of intensified need for therapeutic placements following school COVID-19 closures.

Creates an equitable school option for students whose behavioral health needs prevent public school participation.

Integrates trauma-informed practices for building self-regulation and social competencies into the design of the campus.

In addition to student-centered space, this expansion affords capacity for offering training and collaboration with educators throughout the state.



Serendipity is a K-12+ special education school with a primary focus on emotional and behavioral growth. Our program prioritizes **Education, Mental Health, Transition to Independence, and Wellness.**

Serendipity has proven substantial impact on Attendance, Safety and Stabilization...

80%

was the average annual rate of attendance achieved by students referred with histories of chronic absenteeism.

88%

of students referred with histories of multiple failed school placements remained enrolled at Serendipity, graduated, or successfully transitioned back into their districts.

68%

of students referred to Serendipity with histories of multiple suspensions were not suspended even once following their enrollment.

86%

of students referred following a discharge from residential treatment were able to maintain their placement in Serendipity's therapeutic school, graduate, or return to placements within their districts.

Serendipity's Therapeutic Model Expansion

Children living with disability and trauma need every opportunity to succeed in school and life. For these children and the community, Serendipity is a critical community resource. Serendipity's therapeutic model expansion will benefit the entire region by supporting a strong standard for best practice in therapeutic education, and increasing enrollment opportunities for children with significant needs.

SERENDIPITY CENTER • CAMPUS THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL MODEL EXPANSION BUDGET

EXPENSES

HARD COSTS	\$6,400,199
SOFT COSTS	\$2,251,871
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,652,070

REVENUE SOURCE

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST	\$2,800,000	This proposal
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$3,152,070	(\$383,755 raised to date) \$1.1 represents targeted foundation proposals
NEW MORTGAGE	\$2,500,000	SNAP Bond
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 200,000	In-kind donations, and pro bono services
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,652,070	

