

Relief Nurseries

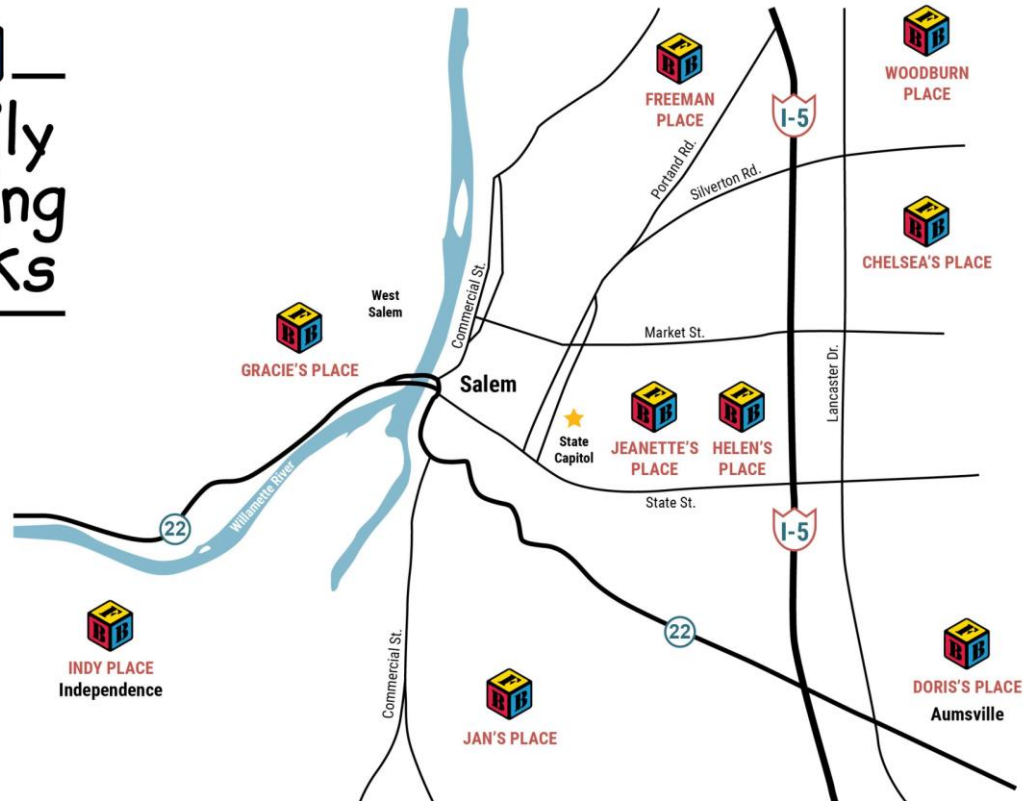
A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
SUPPORTING OREGON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SINCE 1976

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Oregon Association
of Relief Nurseries

Serving Families & Children in Marion & Polk Counties



What is a Relief Nursery?

- **SUPPORT:** Relief Nurseries are comprehensive child development and family support programs offered by 16 nonprofit organizations across Oregon.
- **PREVENTION:** Relief Nurseries provide wraparound support to parents and children (birth-5) both at home and in therapeutic classrooms to strengthen families and prevent abuse and costly foster care.
- **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP:** Relief Nurseries are a public-private partnership that leverages vital state funding. We provide a minimum 25% match for every dollar invested by the state.

Relief Nurseries Provide Four Core Services

- Therapeutic Early Childhood Program (TECP) classrooms.
 - 114 classrooms at 38 sites across Oregon!
- Home Visiting.
- Parenting Education.
- Outreach & Respite Childcare.



Relief Nurseries Meet Children's Needs

- Focus on social and emotional development.
- Low staff-child ratio. Many classrooms have 4 adults.
 - 3 adults per 6 infants (2:1 for ages 0-1)
 - 3 adults per 8 toddlers (3:1 for age 2)
 - 3 adults for 11 preschoolers (4:1 for ages 3-5)
- Indoor and outdoor play.
- Our teachers are the home visitors!



Relief Nurseries Provide Key Assistance

- Transportation for children to and from the classroom.
- Classroom breakfast & lunch and food pantries for families.
- Diapers, clothing, and free books.
- Resource referrals.
- Crisis support.
- Several sites offer mental health services and substance abuse recovery & support.

PREVENTION WORKS

95%

of children do not require further reports of abuse or neglect, or foster care placement, after one year in our programs.

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ROI for every state dollar invested according to ECOnorthwest due to improved educational outcomes, increased future taxes paid, and reductions in publicly funded services.

Oregon's Relief Nursery network of 16 nonprofit organizations

