

Metropolitan Family Service: Annual Report to Parkrose SD

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**Metropolitan
Family Service**

Who is MFS? What do we do?

- For the past 60 years, MFS has provided a variety of programs and services in the greater Portland area to strengthen children and families.
- With 135 FTE staff and 1,800 volunteers, last year MFS provided services to 33,000 people in the tri-county area.
- Two-thirds of program participants are from minority ethnic groups, the largest being Hispanic.
- MFS programs include community schools, parent education, mentoring, transportation for older adults, asset building and financial literacy.

History of MFS & Parkrose SD

- MFS began providing services in Parkrose SD in 2004.
- Since then, MFS has raised more than \$900,000 to enrich and sustain services for Parkrose SD children and families.
- Main sources of funding include Multnomah County, City of Portland Children's Levy, Northwest Health Foundation, local foundations and individual donations.
- In 2009-10, MFS brought 18 volunteers to Parkrose SD who provided 113 hours of service.

Parent Education (Make Parenting a Pleasure)

- 71% of parents report more confidence in parenting skills
- 93% of parents report improved family functioning



Parent Engagement in School (via SUN Schools)

- 64 parents took classes such as ESL and home weatherization
- 1,254 parents attended a resource fair, family night or other event at their child's school



SUN Community Schools

- 85% of students showed improved academic performance
- 69% of students participated more meaningfully in class



SUN Service System

- Metropolitan Family Service is the Lead Agency for the SUN Service System in mid/east Multnomah County.
- We work collaboratively with our partners, Human Solutions, Inc. and Mt Hood Community College's Early Childhood Family Support Program. Last year 50 families were referred for rent and housing assistance.
- Our SUN Community Schools partner with over 40 other community organizations to offer a broad range of support to the families we serve.

Intergenerational Mentoring (Experience Corps)

- 89% of teachers reported that mentored students have improved self-confidence in ability to learn
- 88% of teachers reported that mentored students have improved attitude toward school and improved behavior

