

# Grant supports Cascade AIDS Project's program for children

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The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** has awarded Cascade AIDS Project a matching grant of \$450,000 to fund its Kids' Connection program for children whose parent or caretaker is HIV-positive.

Of 313 nationwide applications to the Local Initiative Funding Partners program of the foundation, only 18 were funded in 2003. Meyer Memorial Trust nominated CAP's proposal and recently awarded three years of seed-funding for Kids' Connection. The Johnson Foundation funds will be dispersed to CAP over four years, and must be matched dollar-for-dollar by locally raised funds.

Kids' Connection was selected as a potential national model for bringing together HIV/AIDS agencies and children's services to address the impact of HIV/AIDS upon the entire family.

CAP is seeing many more families with children. In 2002, 39 percent of CAP's 1,600 clients were heterosexual and 16 percent were women. Among CAP's current gay and bisexual male clients, a higher percentage have children in their lives than ever before. It's estimated that 2,300 HIV-affected children, ages 0-18, live in the Portland metropolitan area.

CAP will collaborate with 12 major social service agencies to improve services for HIV-affected children. Staff training, development of referral mechanisms and case coordination will form the basis of these partnerships.

In addition to Meyer Memorial Trust, other entities that have awarded grants to Kids' Connection to leverage matching Johnson Foundation funds include: the Collins Foundation, Children Affected by AIDS Foundation, Northwest Health Foundation, Hanna Andersson Children's Foundation, Bill Healy Foundation, Wessinger Foundation, Lamb Foundation, Stimson-Miller Foundation, PacifiCare Foundation, the City of Portland's Children's Investment Fund and Meritage Mortgage Corp.

CAP is the leading non-profit community-based provider of HIV prevention, support, housing and advocacy in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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