



Commission on Children & Families

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"To Promote the Well-Being of All Children and Families in Hood River County"

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Mike Hughes
Hood River Family Life Skills Center
550 Riverside Drive
Hood River, OR 97031

Dear Mike,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Hood River Family Life Skills Center. The Hood River County commission on Children and Families helped support initial facilitator training to build capacity to work with individuals struggling with unacceptable behaviors and the desire to work through past wounds and improve lives.

The Hood River County Commission on Children and Families works with many faith groups to reduce youth alcohol and drug use and reduce adult drug and alcohol abuse. Life Skills is a strong program helping people grow emotionally so they can make good decisions in their lives. The "Learning to Live, Learning to Love" curriculum has been met with positive results.

We look forward to the expansion of the Hood River Family Life Skills Center so additional community members can benefit from the comprehensive benefits of this live-changing program. It has been my honor to attend two graduation ceremonies with over 40 graduates. Each time I have been amazed at the testimonials given by each graduate outlining the changes they have made to their lives. Each graduate articulates that they are in charge of their own lives and responsible for their own behaviors. I encourage other groups to support expansion of the program to provide youth programs and expand to other communities.

Sincerely,

Joella Dethman, Director
Hood River County Commission on Children and Families