



February 2017

Celebrating 70 Years of Service

Brief History

On March 15, 2017 Morrison will celebrate our 70th Anniversary. While many things have changed over the years, Morrison's objective to improve the lives of children and families in our community by breaking cycles of abuse and trauma still stands strong.

In 1947, Morrison Child and Family Services was founded by a group of concerned citizens and physicians committed to providing mental health services for children in the community. Dr. Carl Morrison, one of Oregon's first child psychiatrists, served as Morrison's Executive Director for 25 years. In its first year, the Portland Community Child Guidance Clinic, as it was called, served 216 cases from a modest house in downtown Portland.



In 1972, the clinic name was changed to The Morrison Center, in honor of Dr. Morrison's many years of dedicated service. Throughout the 70s, Morrison began offering programs for children in the juvenile system and became a major provider of and advocate for clinical psychologists. Staff increased twelve-fold to meet the growing demand for services and a second clinic in Gresham was established to work with east county children and families.

In the 80s, the Morrison Center experienced significant growth as a result of the

organization's focus on innovative program design. Morrison Center created alternatives to traditional, more expensive institutional care, beginning with programs like the Hand in Hand Day Treatment program and the Counterpoint and Breakthrough programs.

In April 2003, Morrison Center became Morrison Child and Family Services, reflecting the fact that Morrison was comprised of many locations, not a single "center," and that the organization had grown in size, scope and capacity to serve Oregon's children and families.

Today, Morrison directly serves 7,000 children and families a year, when you include siblings and guardians, that number increases to at least 21,000 individuals impacted by our programs. Our emphasis on prevention and early intervention improves the prospects for many children who might otherwise face expensive therapy, corrections, or incarceration.

Morrison kicks off our celebration of 70 years of community service at our 4th Annual Silver Linings Luncheon on March 15, 2017. For more information on how you can get involved or attend the luncheon, please contact us at 503-258-4244 or Deanna.Kavanaugh@morrisonkids.org.



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Tickets now on sale!

Join Morrison for an exciting season of dining and learning as we explore the best restaurants this city has to offer! All proceeds from the Taste Event Series benefit Morrison's children and families.

Friday, February 17 - Ned Ludd w/ Ovum Wines - 5 Tickets Available

Tuesday, March 7 - Clyde Common w/ House Spirits - 20 Tickets Available

Wednesday, March 22 - [Iorio Restaurant](#) w/ [Stoller Family Estate](#) - 12 Tickets Available

Monday, April 24 - [Creo Chocolate](#), Chocolate Making Class & Tour - 11 Tickets Available

Thursday, May 18 - Happy hour: [New Deal Distillery](#) w/ [Laurelhurst Market](#) - 16 Tickets Available

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Community-based Outpatient Program Spotlight

Morrison's community-based programs provide therapeutic support to children, youth, and families in their homes, schools, and communities.

By offering intensive therapy, increased case management, and support within community-based settings, we are able to meet the needs of a broad range of clients. Community-based services help increase awareness and community support of mental health treatment and emotional needs. In addition, youth and families with more intensive mental health needs receive specialized services within their homes and communities. Click [here](#) to learn about Morrison's Community-based programs.



Every year we debut a new video featuring one of our over 20 programs at our Silver Linings Luncheon. This year, we are pleased to announce, we will highlight our Community-based Outpatient program. Click the following links to view videos from previous years highlighting our [FSAT Program](#), [Parents Anonymous® of Oregon & Parent Mentor Program](#) and [Breakthrough Day Treatment Program](#).

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Our Mission

At Morrison Child and Family Services, we partner with families and communities to provide effective and responsive services for children and youth coping with adversity and trauma.

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