



**May 2019**

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## *Morrison and the Parent Advisory Council: helping to improve Oregon's Child Welfare System*

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) was formed in 2015 to provide valuable insight and guidance to the executive leadership of Oregon's Department of Human Services Child Welfare on strategies to improve the overall well-being of children and families. The Parent Advisory Council is comprised of parents from Oregon with prior Child Welfare involvement because of substance abuse, resulting in temporary removal of their children. All PAC members have navigated their DHS case and are actively parenting their children. PAC members identify services gaps and advocate for allocation of funding for critical family support services.

PAC members are currently making valuable contributions to their communities advocating for parents entering the Child Welfare System and giving back to those who supported them in their journey to recovery. They bring personal perspectives and insight regarding services they believe parents would participate in and value. They are uniquely qualified to represent the voices of parents navigating the Child Welfare System - understanding the hopelessness and guilt parents feel when faced with challenges of making significant personal change and achieving reunification with their children.

In 2018, the Parent Advisory Council developed three goals to improve Oregon's Child Welfare System:

- Increase Parent-Child Visitation
- Enhance DHS Caseworker and Parent Engagement

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## *Silver Linings Luncheon*

### *May 15, 2019 - Sentinel Hotel*

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## Introducing Morrison's Foster Care Program Community Ambassadors!

This exciting new role will support our Foster Care recruitment team as a Community Ambassador for Morrison. Work in collaboration with our Foster Care team to spread our community reach to individuals and families who would be interested in fostering children/youth. From handing out program flyers to promoting our Foster Care program at recruitment events, this is a wonderful way to make a great impact as a volunteer. To learn more, join us at [SHOW UP: PDX Volunteer Expo](#). Or if you are interested in applying or have questions, please contact our Training-Recruitment & Childcare Supervisor, [Carrie Summers-Nomura](#)

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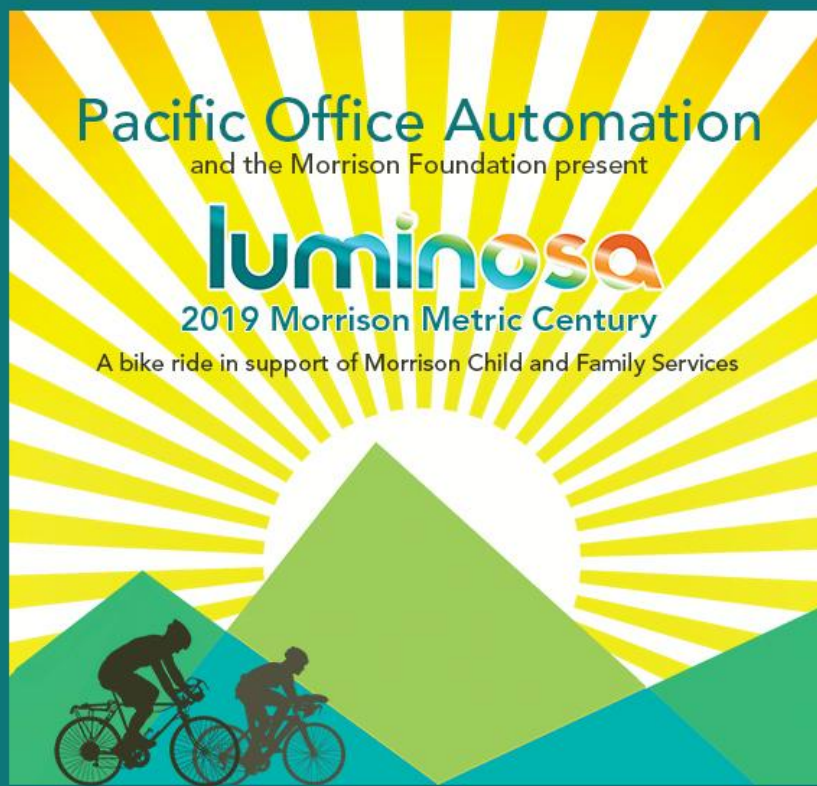
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