

September 2019



As we head into fall, back to school, to new routines and shorter days, we remind you that here at Morrison, we provide a broad array of mental health and prevention services to assist any time of year.

Prevention and Education

Providing effective prevention and education services to children, parents or caregivers as early as possible helps ensure success within the family, school and with peers. Our emphasis on prevention and early intervention improves the prospects for many children who might otherwise face expensive therapy, corrections or incarceration.

Foster Care

Our foster care programs provide short-term, respite, transitional, and therapeutic home care for youth in our community, providing support for youth who come from diverse backgrounds and have a wide range of needs. Some youth receive drug and/or alcohol treatment and others need a short-term, stable environment to help them along the right path. We implement treatment plans that are developed with

program staff and advocate, on behalf of youth, with school districts, caseworkers, court-appointed special advocates, and children's attorneys. We support healthy transitions to permanent family placements.

Outpatient

We provide outpatient mental health services and substance abuse treatment for youth and their families. At the core of our work is a deep respect for each youth's unique strengths, experiences, and cultural perspectives. We work with youth and their support systems, identifying strengths and goals that help us create an individualized treatment plan for them. Each treatment plan addresses the challenges that brought the youth into treatment. We are committed to supporting the growth of each child and adolescent as they strive to realize their full potential.

Day Treatment

For some youth, outpatient mental health services may not be enough. Our day treatment programs provide more intensive services than outpatient, combining treatment with specialized education and, in some cases, foster care by specially-trained foster caregivers. Day treatment programs provide a consistent and predictable environment in which youth can progress, with the goal of returning to a less-restrictive, community setting.

Residential

We provide 24-hour residential care with a full range of physical and mental health and/or substance use treatment services, educational instruction, and vocational readiness. Our residential programs foster an environment of positive change emphasizing choice, responsibility, and self-management. We provide the services to youth in state or federal custody.

Morrison celebrates its Employees!



More than 300 Morrison employees came together at the Tiffany Center on August 29 to meet and mingle with coworkers. The annual Appreciation Event, put on by the Executive Leadership Team and a creative committee of employees, offered up a

'Greatest Show' themed day with a delicious brunch and ice cream bar, a creative photo booth, impressive entertainment by Comedy Sportz, a roving magician, henna tattoos, amazing raffle baskets and a host of special awards.



Each year, Morrison honors its hard working employees with recognition of milestone years of service, the Stephen Blair Awards for Excellence, and the CEO Awards for Excellence. Congratulations to our winners! Below are photos of our Award Winners with CEO Drew Henrie-McWilliams. *Pictures courtesy of Twirl Advertising and Design.*



Lucrecia Farias, CEO Award Winner, Outstanding Provision and Leadership of Program Services



Carrie Summers-Nomura, Stephen Blair Award Winner,
Program Office Staff



Deya Estrada, Stephen Blair Award Winner, Qualified Mental
Health Associate/Front Line Staff



Dipita Thapa, Stephen Blair Award Winner, Administrative
Staff/Business Staff



Danielle (Anees) Guillen, Stephen Blair Award Winner,
Qualified Mental Health Professional



Linda Thiel, CEO Award Winner,
Outstanding Support of Program
Services



Melissa Jackson, Stephen
Blair Award Winner, Manager/
Supervisor Staff

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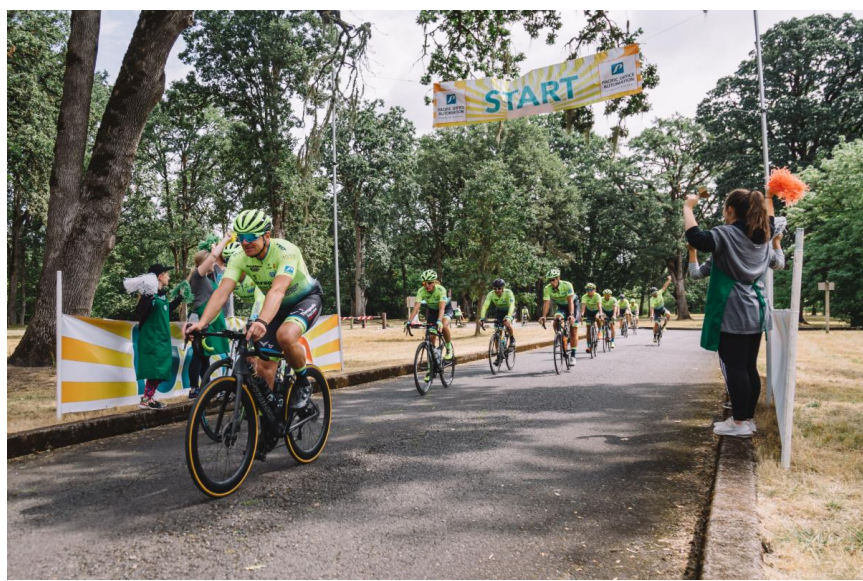
The 2nd annual event brought out more than 150 cyclists to Champoege State Park for a day of riding across the beauty of Marion County. At the Finish Line Party, riders enjoyed food and drink and music by the Denominators.

Special thanks to our main sponsor Pacific Office Automation and our supporting partners: JanPro, Plaid Pantry, EMA Architecture, Comcast Business, Tom Cook Photo, Phototainment, Starbucks, ClifBar, Franz Bakery, TriTech, JoeBike, 10 Barrel Brewing, ShowersPass, April Severson Events, Adventure Cycling, WesternBikeWorks and Asula.

And, a very special thank you to our numerous volunteers for their time, skills and assistance. Without you, this event would not be possible!

We look forward to seeing you all next year!





Helping ourselves, helping others... Yes, you can make a difference.

- *September is Suicide Prevention Month*
- *Sept. 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week*
- *Sept. 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day*

Ask

Research shows people who are having thoughts of suicide feel relief when someone asks after them in a caring way. Findings suggest acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce rather than increase suicidal ideation.

Keep Them Safe

A number of studies have indicated that when lethal means are made less available or less deadly, suicide rates by that method decline, and frequently suicide rates overall decline.

Be There

Individuals are more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful after speaking to someone who listens without judgment.

Help Them Stay Connected

Studies indicate that helping someone at risk create a network of resources and individuals for support and safety can help them take positive action and reduce feelings of hopelessness.

Follow Up

Studies have also shown that brief, low cost intervention and supportive, ongoing contact may be an important part of suicide prevention, especially for individuals after they have been discharged from hospitals or care services.

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Our Mission

At Morrison Child and Family Services, our Mission is to help children, youth, and their families with mental health and substance use challenges while working to prevent them from developing in the first place.

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