



# Umatilla County

Youth Services Division

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Citizens Asked to Participate in Local High-Risk Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan**

The Umatilla County Commission on Children and Families in cooperation with Umatilla County Youth Services Division are entering into the process of updating the Local High-Risk Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan and are inviting the citizens of Umatilla County to be active participants in this planning process.

Umatilla County receives three sources of funding from the State that is dedicated to reducing juvenile crime and delinquency:

- 1) JCP Prevention Funds which focus on efforts in the community and the juvenile department to reduce the number of youth who enter the juvenile justice system or who move further into the system because of re-offending.
- 2) Basic Services Funds which focus on youth who are at moderate to high risk for re-offending.
- 3) Diversion Funds which focus on youth who are at high-risk to re-offend and to be placed in the care and custody of the Oregon Youth Authority for placement in residential treatment, foster care or Youth Correctional facility.

The Local High-Risk Juvenile Crime Prevention planning process will focus on the "JCP Prevention Funds". The planning process will begin with a brief survey that you as a citizen of Umatilla County are being asked to complete by September 30, 2009.

The results of the survey will be reviewed and presented in public forums that are to be held in Hermiston, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater (dates and locations to be announced at a later date). The public forum to be held in Hermiston will be to look at the results of the survey from the Cities of Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo. The public forum to be held in Pendleton will be to look at the survey results from the Cities of Pendleton, Pilot-Rock, Helix and Ukiah. The public forum to be held in Milton-Freewater will be to look at the survey results from the Cities of Adams, Weston, Athena and Milton-Freewater. You are welcome to attend any of the public forums.



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Also included in the public forums will be a presentation on what juvenile delinquency looks like in Umatilla County to include, types of crimes being committed by youth and profiles of the youth committing crimes in Umatilla County (age, race/ethnicity and gender).

During the public forum you as a citizen will be asked to participate in discussions about community priorities.

You may access and complete the survey on-line by going to <http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/Survey.htm>, or contact Mel Carter at the Commission on Children and Families, 278-6292.

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