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**OREGON PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES
GRANTS FROM OREGON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR
“TARGET METH”**

(Portland, Or) Oregon Partnership, a statewide non-profit organization providing alcohol and drug prevention education and treatment referral, has received 45-thousand dollars worth of grants from two Oregon Community Foundation funds for methamphetamine prevention.

The funds will be used for the implementation of Oregon Partnership's Target Meth prevention program in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties.

A 20-thousand dollar Oregon Community Foundation grant came from the William Swindells, Sr. Memorial Fund and a 25-thousand dollar grant came from OCF's Paul and Sally McCracken Fund.

The McCracken grant will be used to provide small community mini-grants to be disbursed directly to local groups and organizations.

“The methamphetamine problem affects communities at the local level with crime, environmental damage and most importantly, children in dangerous and unsafe surroundings,” said Kaleen Deatherage, Target Meth program director for Oregon Partnership. “Target meth is designed to give the public tools to push back against the problem and to make communities a safer place for kids and families.”

“Target Meth: Building a Vision for a Drug-Free Community” is Oregon Partnership’s multi-media public education and community training project designed to assist communities to combat the methamphetamine epidemic.

Key project components include a Target Meth Toolkit that includes a community action guide for meth and other drug prevention; an Oregon specific 150-slide Power-Point slide library; television, radio and print public service announcements; and a Web-based information portal.

Established in 1973, The Oregon Community Foundation has managed charitable funds donated by individuals, families and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. The Foundation’s endowment consists of more than a thousand funds with combined assets of 770-million dollars.

About Oregon Partnership:

Oregon Partnership is a statewide nonprofit that has worked to promote healthy kids and communities for well over a decade by raising awareness about drug and alcohol issues, providing prevention education in classrooms, and 24-hour crisis lines for people needing help. To learn more, visit www.orpartnership.org.