

January 2023 NEWSLETTER



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LCOG HONORED FOR FINANCIAL REPORT

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded LCOG with a *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021. LCOG has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last five consecutive fiscal years, which are the only five years LCOG has been eligible to apply for the award. GFOA's Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award, recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government ACFRs. To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and well organized ACFR that satisfies both generally accepted accounting principles in the USA and applicable legal requirements.

LCOG MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

Save the date! Our LCOG Member Appreciation Dinner is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E Washington Ave., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Details coming soon!

RURAL CHILDCARE WORKSHOP

Please help spread the word about the upcoming rural childcare workshops sponsored by Linn-Benton Community College, Reinventing Rural, and Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG). These two short, easy workshops are designed to help people start in-home childcare in your city and connect them with resources they need.

Home Childcare - It's that Easy! January 24

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/home-childcare-its-that-easy-tickets-494106655307>

Home Childcare - The Details! January 31 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/home-childcare-the-details-tickets-494276252577>

RURAL CHILDCARE WORKSHOPS

Register to Join via Zoom!

Home Childcare - It's That Easy!

January 24, 2023 at 2pm

- Can I Increase my family income while staying home?
- Is there a need for in-home childcare?
- Do I need to be licensed?
- What else do I need to consider?

Home Childcare - The Details!

January 31, 2023 at 2pm

- Do I need to register my business?
- When do I need to become a licensed childcare provider?
- What about insurance and tracking expenses?
- Are there grants and resources for me?



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AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission [program](#) that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail-in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/ACP, or by calling 877-384-2575.

If you need communications materials to share in your community, go to <https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- January 13 - Downtown Springfield 2nd Friday Art Walk ([link](#))
- January 21 - Willamalane Fitness Expo ([link](#))
- January 26-29 - Florence Winter Music Festival ([link](#))

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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