HOW TO APPLY

To apply, complete the form included with this brochure and provide a statement that includes the following information:

- Description of how the funds will be used.
- If you are requesting services through a provider, please include the providers name and address for where they receive payments.
- What other financial resources, if any, may be used to help fund the purchase?
- Letters of support from health care professionals, case managers, or others are accepted but not required.

Applications or questions should be sent to info@codsn.org or mailed to:

Central Oregon Disability Support Network 2525 NE Twin Knolls Drive, Suite 7 Bend, OR 97701

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Families can apply for up to \$400 of services/items per eligible child per year.
- If you are requesting items to be purchased, please include links to the items you are requesting.
- Applications are reviewed by the Board on a monthly basis (requests for emergency funds cannot be met).
- All applications will remain confidential.
- All applicants will be notified of the Board's decision.

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RISING STARS FUND

Providing Financial Support to families who care for young children with disabilities (Birth - starting Kindergarten).



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| Date: | Please mark which, if any, of the following services or benefits you currently receive for your child: SSI Developmental Disability Services (DD) |
| Parent Name: | |
| Child's Name: | |
| Date of Birth for Child w/disability (mm/dd/yyyy): | |
| Has your child started Kindergarten? Yes No | Oregon Health Plan (OHP)Group or individual health insurance |
| Mailing Address: | Group of marvidual health insurance |
| City: Zip Code: | FUNDING REQUEST INFORMATION |
| Phone: | Amount: \$ (not to exceed \$400 value) |
| Type of disability (please check all that apply) Developmental Delay Orthopedic Impairment Fragile Medical Condition Vision Hearing: Speech/Language: | Type of Request: Testing Medical Care Counseling Therapy Services Respite Care Specialized Device: Equipment/Safety Aids: Provider's Name & Address: |
| Does your child qualify for an Early Intervention (EI) or Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program? Yes No Your child does not need to be in an EI/ECSE program, but they must qualify. | Signature of person applying: Relationship to child: |

SPECIAL NEEDS... OR SPECIALIZED NEEDS?

Often "special" needs translates to "expensive" needs. Regardless of income, families make significant financial sacrifices to meet the needs of a child with disabilities. The Rising Stars Fund exists to help families facing additional expenses that occur while caring for their children with disabilities. One of the goals of this fund is to help families who may not qualify for other financial assistance because of their income, category of disability or type of items or services needed.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

To qualify:

- 1. The child with the disability/developmental delay must qualify for Early Intervention or Early Childhood Special Education services. A child is eligible from birth until they start Kindergarten.
- 2. The child and family must live in Deschutes, Crook or Jefferson County.
- 3. Items and services requested must be related to the disability and not covered by other means.
- 4. Funding priority will be given to requests that fall into one or the following categories: Medical care, testing, therapy, or other health-related expenses; Equipment, safety aids or specialized devices; Respite care, or individual or family counseling.

Other categories of requests will be considered if the Rising Stars Fund has sufficient funds.

