



Parent Aid FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Parent Aid?

Parent Aid is a voluntary, simple and confidential urinalysis drug-testing program designed to help parents identify drug abuse problems in their kids before disaster strikes. The Parent Aid test is free of charge to a parent of any child under 18 years of age.

Who is sponsoring Parent Aid and why?

The Oregon Association Chiefs of Police is sponsoring Parent Aid in order to help parents identify drug abuse behavior in their children before destroyed relationships, school failure, jail time and eventually...a broken life results. Law enforcement officers would much rather see a young person face a drug test than an arrest. Agencies benefiting from sponsorship dollars to run the program this year will secure local partners to continue funding into future years. The initial year of support allows the pilot project agencies to showcase the program so that potential local partners can see Parent Aid work.

How does a parent arrange for a test for their child?

A parent reviews the list of participating agencies, chooses the one closest to their home and contacts the identified agency representative to schedule a time and to ask any questions.

What should a parent expect when they arrive with their child for the test?

The test takes about 3-8 minutes in a completely confidential setting at the police department, school or at another designated location. A police officer (test certified) will provide a consent form for the parent and child to sign. This form assures the family of confidentiality. Next, the child will be given KrollScreen™ in which to provide a small sample of urine. The officer will then take the testing device and will begin the testing procedure. In just minutes, drug test results will be read from KrollScreen™.

What if the Parent or Child insists that the result of the test is flawed?

Rapid testing with the Parent Aid KrollScreen™ is proven to be as accurate as laboratory screening tests. However, in the event a parent questions the results of a test, a laboratory confirmation test is available at a reasonable cost.

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Can the drug test be beaten?

The Parent Aid testing program virtually eliminates the possibility that someone will "trick" the drug test (by dilution or adulteration) by using an integrated drug test system that tests for adulteration of the sample in addition to the drug test. This new technology is designed to expose attempts to influence the drug test results.

What if the test result is positive?

When test results are positive, every effort is made to provide the parent and child with information regarding drug treatment programs and other community based support services available to them. The first referral is to the family physician so that potential health insurance coverage for treatment can be ascertained. Parent Aid agencies also refer families to the Oregon Partnership so that parents can benefit from their statewide network of drug treatment resources.

Is the Parent Aid program recognized by the State of Oregon?

The Parent Aid program including all participating agencies are registered with the Oregon Department of Human Services/ State Public Health Services Laboratory Compliance and Quality Assurance Section to perform non-medical substance of abuse screening using manual, non-automated methods utilizing screening kits approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) as defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Where did the Parent Aid Concept originate?

Parent Aid began in Coos County as the brainstorm of Lieutenant James Pex of the Coos Bay Forensic Lab. Responding to citizen's concerns about youth drug use, Pex created a take home urine sample test kit designed to give parents a means of identifying a potential drug problem with their child. With the kit, parents could bring in a sample of their child's urine, have it screened for drug use in the Oregon State Police Forensics Lab and receive the results within a few days.

The Molalla Police Department began a Parent Aid program of their own, but with a new twist. Citing the discomfort associated with having to wait for the results of a screening along with the potential for conflict in a home environment, Molalla Police Department implemented a program using a quick-result urinalysis test that takes minutes rather than days. In its first three years, the Molalla Parent Aid program tested almost 350 juveniles with the rate of positive tests decreasing by fifty percent in each of those years.

The Oregon Association Chiefs of Police created a model program based on the Molalla experience, began a pilot project in 15 agencies throughout the state, and then launched the program in additional agencies.

How many Parent Aid sites are there and how has the program grown?

Parent Aid started with 15 pilot sites which were chosen to test the Parent Aid strategy in agencies of differing sizes and in geographically diverse locations around the state. Because of the program's success, it has grown to over 50 sites within the state. A number of other states around the US are currently investigating the possibility of joining the Parent Aid program and the State of Oklahoma expects to have a large number of their agencies fully operational within the next six months.



How can an agency participate in Parent Aid?

Any organization concerned with drug use among youth in their community can contact the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police at (800) 784-2867. To get started, the organization will go through a training and certification course so that their personnel are well trained in the rules and implementation of the program. This training is at no charge and the new agency will also be given 25 drug test kits at no charge to get started. Additional drug test kits will be sold at a special Parent Aid program price.

What agencies are currently participating in Parent Aid?

In Oregon, over 50 agencies are currently active in the program at one level or another. The State of Oklahoma is currently introducing the program to agencies around their state and a large number of agencies there are expected to begin the program within the next 6 months.

Amity Police Department Dan Brown 503-835-8606	Aurora Police Department Chris Conboy 503-678-1284	Bend Police Department Kim Morse 541-322-2974
Bend Senior High School Don Emerson 541-383-6304	Canby Police Department Don Hemstreet 503-266-1104	Cascade Middle School Amy Boileau 541-383-6247
Cascade Middle School Paul Dean 541-383-6235	Coquille Police Department Randy Ulmer 541-396-2114	Cottage Grove Police Dept Mike Grover 541-942-9145
Dallas Police Department Tom Simpson 503-831-3516	Florence Police Department Harry Johnson 541-997-3515	High Desert Middle School 541-383-6488
Hood River Police Department Bruce Ludwig 541-387-5257	Independence Police Dept Robert Mason 503-838-1214	Keizer Police Department Wanda Blaylock 503-390-3713
Klamath County Sheriff's Off. Monty Halloway 541-883-5130	Klamath Falls Police Dept Mark Carlson 541-883-5336	LaGrande Police Department Phil Myer 541-963-1017
Lapine Area Schools Mary Fleischmann 541-536-5002	Lebanon Police Department Mike Healy 541-451-1751	Marion County Sheriff's Office Annette Chrismer 503-540-8041
McMinnville Police Dept Kristin Twenge 503-434-7436	Medford Police Department Mark Bell 541-744-2544 x2880	Molalla Police Department Laurie Fuller 503-829-8817
Monmouth Police Department Justin Jones 503-838-1109	Mountain View High School Steve Craig 541-312-4923	Multnomah County Sheriff's Lt. Mike Shults 503-251-2479
Newberg Police Department Tim Weaver 503-537-1226	Ontario Police Department Mike Kee 541-889-5312 x2307	Oregon City Police Dept Mike Conrad 503-657-4964



Oregon State Police Larry Johnson 541-575-1363	Pendleton Police Department Mark Swanson 541-276-4411	Philomath Police Department Dave Gurski 541-929-6911
Prineville Police Department Erik Marston 541-447-4168 x310	Redmond Area Schools Craig Unger 541-923-4800	Redmond Police Department Ron Roberts 541-504-3401
Reedsport Police Department 541-271-2100	Ritchie Sheriff's Office Bryan Backus 304-643-2262	Sandy Police Department Harold Skelton 503-668-5567
Silverton Police Department Terry Murphy 503-873-5326	Silverton Police Department Dori Elliott 503-873-5326	Skyview Middle School Melissa Goff 541-322-5230
Skyview Middle School Jan Coyle 541-322-5222	St. Helens Police Department Rick Graham 503-397-3333	Stayton Police Department Rachel Halligan 503-769-3423
Summit High School Rob Dewitt 541-322-3327	Sutherlin Police Department Kurt Sorenson 541-459-2211	The Dalles Police Department Jay Waterbury 541-296-2613
Tillamook Police Department Doug Kettner 503-842-2522	Tualatin Police Department Kent Barker 503-691-4846	Union County Sheriff's Office Cindy Wyatt 541-963-1017
Vernonia Police Department Mathew Workman 503-429-7335 x132	Warm Springs Police Dept Lt. Stoney Miller 541-553-1171	West Linn Police Department Terry Timeus 503-655-6214

