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## **Community Foundation for Southwest Washington Grants \$25,000 to Innovative Services NW for the Positive Behavior Support in Early Childhood Project**

Vancouver, WA - Innovative Services NW has received a \$25,000 grant from the Community Giving Fund, a charitable fund at the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, which will support the *Positive Behavior Support in Early Childhood Project*. This project will provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) related techniques for children with behavioral challenges, whether due to developmental disabilities such as autism or to the environmental risk factors such as developmental delays, family violence, homelessness, chemical dependency, CPS involvement, incarcerated parents, or foster care.

Through a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), ABA studies the behavior of a child in order to apply interventions to bring about meaningful and positive change in the child's behavior including academics, social skills, reading, communication, and adaptive living skills. Innovative's new BCBA, Lori Moorehead, said, *"I've been working with children for over 20 years and there is no other treatment available that makes as significant progress as ABA does, for the maximum potential of the child in everything they do. It also gives families the tools, support, and guidance on how to continue to teach and advocate for their child for the rest of their lives."*

Innovative's Positive Behavior Support in Early Childhood Project will help low-income and at-risk children in Clark County by alleviating barriers to their full functionality, helping them to succeed in reaching their full potential in an educational setting and in life.

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*Innovative Services NW is a Vancouver-based nonprofit that offers a continuum of services. Two of our programs include Early Learning Program, which provides quality education and care for children, ages 1-5 years old, and Pediatric Therapy, which provides physical, speech, occupational, and specialty therapies for children, birth through age 20, as well as Early Intervention for children, birth through age 3.*

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