



Sibling Separation

- There are almost 600,000 children in foster care across the United States.
- 65-85% of children entering the foster care system have at least one sibling.
- 30% of children in foster care have four siblings or more.
- 75% of siblings are separated from at least one sibling when placed in foster care.

Camp To Belong – NW

Proud Sponsor:

Oregon Foster Parent Association

Collaborating Agencies and Organizations:

- ❖ OREGON DHS CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT
- ❖ C.A.S.A.
- ❖ WASHINGTON STATE D.S.H.S.
- ❖ FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON STATE
- ❖ CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS
- ❖ Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center

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Camp To Belong is dedicated to reuniting brothers and sisters who are placed in separate foster care, kinship care, and adoptive home placements for events of fun, emotional empowerment, and sibling connection to create lifetime memories.

NW Inaugural Camp

June 19 – 24, 2006

From the Shores of

Lake Coeur d'Alene and N-Sid-Sen
a "point of inspiration"!

IN THE BEGINNING:

It was 1995 and the first Camp To Belong was held at UNLV in Las Vegas NV. In the hopes to reunite children separated through foster or other out of home care Lynn Price held the first Camp To Belong (CTB). Lynn, who was volunteering as a CASA and Child Haven volunteer, was herself a former youth in care. She and her sister had been placed in different foster homes when Lynn was a baby. Lynn didn't learn she had a sister until she was eight.

A few years after the first Camp To Belong, Lynn and her family moved to Colorado. Her budding organization went with her; however CTB has always hosted foster care youth from Oregon, Washington and Idaho at camp. Now in its eleventh year, CTB has reunited siblings from all over the US, Canada and the Virgin Islands.

Lynn has been instrumental in replicating Camp To Belong in several other states. Local volunteers and child welfare organizations have teamed together to bring this successful program to separated siblings in our community



INTENTIONAL PROGRAMMING

The activities, events and art programming at Camp To Belong are designed to boost the sibling bond that kids in state or other out of home are so often deprived. Additionally CTB strives to empower these children to make the most of their lives.

OUR GOALS:

1. To successfully replicate the flagship CTB program in Colorado, exclusively for local youth.
2. In 2006 we plan to increase the number of local kids and counselors who attend Camp To Belong to nearly 150! This is seven times the number of locals who recently attended CTB in Colorado

CTB-NW Planning Committee

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