



Jewish Family & Child Service Q & A Sheet

- Q: Why combine Jewish Family & Child Service (JFCS) and Cedar Sinai Park (CSP)?
- A: Together, JFCS and CSP will be one organization which provides human services under one “roof.” Our community has given us positive feedback and endorsement because our consolidation will create many opportunities for future growth. This consolidation has had the full approval and support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and they were instrumental in making this consolidation become a reality. JFCS and CSP each will retain its separate tax exempt and nonprofit identity, as each will continue to rely on community support to do its great work.
- Q: Is consolidation necessary?
- A: Once combined our separate operations will become more efficient and stronger. Together, we’ll be better equipped to realize continuous improvements and expansions into other needed services.
- Q: Is there a financial reason to combine?
- A: Yes. In today’s economy, social service agencies must become more efficient to survive. We must find ways to offer higher quality services with lower administrative costs.
- Q: When will consolidation happen? Will services be interrupted?
- A: The change will take effect July 1, 2015. However, services will continue uninterrupted and as usual. JFCS will stay at the same location with the same phone number. There will be some staff changes as a result of this consolidation, but there will be no impact on JFCS services. The same people will take care of the same clients.
- Q: What if I need Jewish Family Child Service programs and services during this transition?
- A: Nothing is changing at JFCS, we will be here to help. Like always, you can call us at (503) 226-7079 Monday - Thursday until 5 p.m., and Friday, until 2:30 p.m. Our website remains www.jfcs-portland.org, and always contains our programs and updates.
- Q: What else?
- A: We all think JFCS and CSP will be better together. We’ve been working on the consolidation for more than a year, and we’re confident the change will be the foundation to continue our current services and to provide new services and support for even more members of our community.