

## Assignment 9: Neighboring & Community Resources

Partner Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Come up with your own definition of "good neighbor". List it below:
- 2. What kind of neighborhood do you want to create? List an idea of how you would create a cooperative and unified community:

What do you see as your personal responsibility of being a good neighbor?

3. From the list of activities and ideas on how to get more involved in your new community, can you pick 3 goals for the next year as you move and get settled into your new community?

a.	
b.	
c.	

4. For the following activity, you'll have to do a little research on the various social service agencies and what needs they help with in our area.

These agencies are Habitat Community Partners and include NeighborImpact, Housing Works, City Thrift, Mosaic Medical, Volunteers in Medicine, Deschutes County Public Health, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, Public Library and others.

Visit the Central Oregon 2-1-1 website: https://www.211info.org/ Click on the "Find Resources" Link at the top bar. Follow the Community resources button to initiate your search

And / Or,

Visit NeighborImpact "Providers" page and use the filter services menu on the left to start

Review the following scenarios and develop an action plan for each of the following:

Remember these tips: Get to know neighbors, start a log to track the problem, discuss it with your neighbor first

a. Your neighbor's dog is left out in the backyard when the family is not home, he barks constantly at anybody or a car passing by, and your infant child struggles to sleep during the day, how would you address this with your neighbor?

- b. You are using your savings to update your living room furniture. What would you do with the older couch that has old stains and your cat has scratched to the point of not being reusable if donated? Why would moving it to your front porch cause distress with your neighbors?
- c. A very strong winter with one snow storm after another require a more vigilant eye on roofs and sidewalks. Your work schedule has not allowed for some time to get outside and remove snow from the side-walk that particular week. Your elderly neighbor going for a walk with her dog, falls down in front of your property and breaks a wrist. What do you think might happen next?
- d. You are a very healthy driven family and now that you have a yard you would like to get some hens and a rooster to be able to get organic eggs. What is wrong with this scenario? If you find nothing wrong, review this link <a href="http://www.backyardchickens.com/a/bend-oregon-chicken-ordinance">http://www.backyardchickens.com/a/bend-oregon-chicken-ordinance</a>

5. Choose a current or potential concern that could affect your financial or emotional stability. Using NeighborImpact's Providers list or the Central Oregon 2-1-1 website, research possible solutions and record your answers below.

5.a. Concern:

- 5.b. Potential solutions/support agency:
- 6. Please answer the following *What if* questions.

**6.a.** What if you could not pay your electric bill one month? What agency or resources would you turn to for assistance?

**6.b.** What if your 13 year old son/daughter ran away from home but is back with you now. What resources would you turn to for parenting support or other support?

6.c. What if, after 5 years, you discovered mold in your laundry room?

- 7. Imagine you want to create a change or a project in your neighborhood.
- 7.a. Give an example of a possible change or project that might interest you:

7.b. What community resources would you need to help create this change or complete the project?

## HOA's

- 8. What are two reasons why a covenant is entered into by homeowners?
- 9. Mark all that apply:
  - a. A Homeowners Association (HOA) is based on Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions written into the title of the property itself.
  - b. The HOA has a Board which is elected by the property owners
  - c. If you don't pay the HOA assessments on time, this might result in the foreclosure of your home
  - d. An HOA is generally established at the time a residential neighborhood is built and sold.
  - e. Every neighborhood in Bend is ruled by a Homeowner Association.
- 10. Suppose you are moving to a covenanted community and you are counting on the fact that you will be able to fence your yard to be able to contain your 120-pound dog. You find out that the CC&Rs does not allow fences, so you try to sneak your large dog into your property despite the rule limiting the maximum weight for pets to 30 lbs.

- 11. What are the possible scenarios that you will encounter?
  - a. HOA can fine you
  - b. HOA can force compliance Tell you to give up the dog or find a new place to live
  - c. HOA may file a lawsuit
  - d. HOA will usually change the rules