Neighbors for Kids began in 1999 under the name Neighbors Against Drugs. In 2005, it changed its name to Neighbors For Kids (NFK) to emphasize the primary focus, which is on positive youth development and education. NFKs founder and board members truly believe that local children need a safe place to go and constructive things to do when their families are unable to care for them after school.

NFK Kids Zone is the only after-school program within the thirty-mile span between Lincoln City and Newport. The organization has experienced significant growth over the last 8 years, NFK moved out of the original 700 sq. ft. building in 2010 in order to accommodate the quickly growing program, and only after successfully completing a large-scale capitol project fundraising campaign. NFK continues to operate programs in the 7,600 sq. ft. youth facility, with several classrooms available for subject-specific programming. 650 students from the Lincoln County School District have been served since opening the new facility in 2010. More children continue to sign up across the year, proving the need for these important and unique services.

Ages served are 5-18 (grades pre-K thru 12). Students who live in Depoe Bay and nearby communities are the main beneficiaries of the programs. Native American, Asian, African American and Hispanic cultures now represent 32% of registered members. Approximately 94% of NFK program participants qualify for the free or reduced price lunch program in the public school system, 75% or more come from single-parent families and over 90% are of low socio-economic status.

NFK collaborates with several community partner organizations to fulfill their mission, including Oregon Department of Education’s Child Nutrition Program, Lincoln County School District’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Oregon State University’s 4H Program, Samaritan Health Services, Partners For A Hunger-Free Oregon, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife STEP program, Surfrider Foundation & Warm Current (youth surf camps) and the City of Depoe Bay.

Mission & Vision

To provide youth in the region with educational enrichment, positive youth development, and recreational activities, all in a safe environment, which focuses them toward healthy lifestyles and leads them to become responsible, contributing adults.
Neighbors For Kids is the parent organization of the signature Kids Zone After-School Program and Summer Enrichment Program. During the Kids Zone Program there are services such as the Literacy Education Enrichment Program (LEEP), USDA Food Program (CACFP & SFSP), Rowing Club & Water Recreation Program, Music Education Program, Teen Program, Visual Arts Program, Computer Technology Program, Science Education Program and newly developed Gail Glickman Program, for children with special needs. The CATCH (Coordinated Approach To Child Health) Program, an evidence-based childhood obesity prevention program, also operates year-round during hours of operation, focusing on the area of health & wellness programming. The after-school program operates on all regular school days from 3-6:30 pm. On 22 non-school days (such as holidays, in-service days, school improvements days, parent/teacher conference days, Spring Break and Winter Break) hours are 8-5:30 pm. The summer program operates for 10 weeks from June – August from 8-5:30 pm.

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