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Providence receives family friendly award

Children First for Oregon has awarded Providence Health System with the distinctive Families in Good Company Award that honors companies and organizations for programs that help employees balance work and family.

The award was presented to Providence during an awards ceremony April 27.

This honor recognizes Providence Health System statewide for its comprehensive employee benefits program – including things such as eldercare and childcare assistance and referral, a Montessori school for employees' children and flex-time scheduling to allow employees to meet family obligations during working hours. This is only the second year the award was given statewide.

The judges noted a key reason for receiving the award was Providence's integration of its mission and core values into its benefits program. Also, they pointed out Providence leadership in offering valuable family-friendly benefits to employees.

Children First for Oregon is a leading statewide voice on behalf of Oregon's nearly 800,000 children. The non-profit, non-partisan organization advocates for Oregon's children and families in the legislature, media and local communities.