

## Family Resource Coordinator

Community Health Workers work with families, children, and infants up to age 8. NWFS links those clients with community resources that focus on literacy, reading, and math.

Running toward a better life, Joyce moved to Oregon with her six year old son, Kyle. The move has been hard for Joyce and Kyle. Kyle, who is autistic, has had a difficult time responding to the classroom setting and his emotions are constantly triggered. Joyce has worked tirelessly to ensure that Kyle gets the treatment and attention he needs, but Joyce needed help.

The NWFS Family Resource Coordinator (FRC) worked to link and stabilize Joyce and her son with multiple resources:

A behavior specialist and a speech counselor were secured to provide help for Kyle.

Joyce decided that she wanted to provide more for herself and her son, so she began an internship at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). She is working on building her resume and finding employment where she can support herself and Kyle.

Joyce has also received encouragement and skills through the NWFS Family Resource Coordinator to assist her with improving routines at home. In addition, the FRC assisted Joyce and Kyle with clothing, books, and toys from Northwest Children's Outreach, Christmas stockings from Fill-A-Stocking, and Fill-A-Heart.

Joyce began to receive notifications from Kyle's school saying that he was having a hard time and exhibiting behaviors that they had never seen before. She began looking for resources to get Kyle an Autistic Blanket to help Kyle calm down. Resources for this type of purchase are scarce. Northwest Family Services was able to provide a weighted blanket for Kyle. Having the blanket has helped Kyle greatly. Joyce says that Kyle is doing much better and is extremely appreciative for the assistance she received with getting Kyle's needs met.

