

## **Our Mission**

To promote positive change in a child and family's life by engaging and linking them to resources that will result in success in school, having positive friends, a healthy home life and being involved in positive activities.

## **Purpose Of Link Center and Gym**

To provide a gymnasium for various community activities; community rooms for recreational activities and meetings; stage for multi-purpose use.

Priority use of the gym is for structured programs for children and families unable to afford other activities.

The gym may be used by other community groups for activities and meetings on a scheduled basis.

It is our belief, and plan, that children and families will succeed if they are able to have healthier lives. This means proper diet, physical exercise and positive activities. Through partnerships with local health providers, we hope to provide access to healthcare and healthy living so our kids and families will be successful.

*Youth and Family Link is sponsored by the Toutle Ranch Thrift Shop, Lake Guild and River Ranch Guild.*

## **Youth and Family Link Center and WOLLENBERG COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM**

### GYMNASIUM

The Youth and Family Link Community Center and Wollenberg Gymnasium offer a full court basketball gym, bleachers, a stage, restrooms and four break out rooms for meetings/activities. It is available for community use and a variety of youth activities.

The Center and Gymnasium allows Link to provide an array of services in life skills, youth and family development, social and recreational events, and physical/emotional activities.

### HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Youth and Family Link programs are developed through cooperative planning with community groups and local providers in the healthcare, recreation and treatment fields.

Youth and Family Link is committed to helping the children and families of Cowlitz County to lead healthy lives through exercise, diet, education, positive socialization and best practice treatment.

For more information call 360-423-6741  
[www.linkprogram.org](http://www.linkprogram.org)

*Planning for the gym began in 2004. In 2005, community agencies met to be a part of the planning and development of this community gymnasium.*

*These participants included :*

Cowlitz On The Move  
Longview Parks and Rec  
Longview Public Schools  
Cowlitz County Health Department  
Kelso Public Schools  
Cowlitz County (Ron Junker)  
City of Longview  
Longview Senior Center  
ADC  
PeaceHealth  
Cameron Ford  
Longview Police Department  
Cowlitz Economic Development Council  
JH Kelly  
Pathways 2020  
Anne O'Connor  
Family Health Center  
CAP  
Cowlitz County Human Services  
Cowlitz Tribe



### Gym Use

As a community resource, the Link center and gymnasium is available for use to serve the citizens of Cowlitz County.

Available for use is the gym, stage and 4 meeting rooms.



A Use Fee is charged to offset operating costs for utilities and maintenance.

The use fees depend on the organization, purpose and population to be served.

Gym inquiries can be made at 360-423-6741.

Toutle River Ranch was founded in 1960 to provide a home, education and work experience for local teenage boys who needed help.

Over the years, the Ranch served kids from across the State.

In 1997, Toutle River Ranch renewed its mission to serve the children and families in Cowlitz County. To this effort, the group home was closed and Youth and Family Link was started.



The vision of a community gymnasium began when the staff and board members realized that direct services alone cannot adequately serve the community's needs. We must help youth and families to have positive resources and healthy lifestyles.

It is to this end that the Link center and gymnasium may provide physical fitness, health education and access to healthcare so that our community will be stronger and healthier.

Lee Wollenberg was a leader in our community and a driving force for Toutle River Ranch. It is in Lee's memory that we have dedicated the Wollenberg Community Gymnasium.