

Stand for Children starting new chapter in Oregon City

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Parents and others looking to get involved in lobbying elected officials and working on behalf of children's issues are invited to the kickoff of the Oregon City Chapter of [Stand for Children](#) on Saturday.

The group, started by Jonah Edelman in Washington, D.C., in 1996 before he moved to Oregon three years later, has branches in Oregon, Washington, Tennessee and Massachusetts.

"I got involved because I was tired of hearing people talking about children are our future and then not doing anything to help them," said Debbie Cole, a mother of three in Oregon City and Stand for Children team leader. "It's a real grass-roots effort that helps people get involved."

There are 11 other Stand For Children chapters in Oregon, including ones in Canby, Beaverton and Portland. Cole said that she and other local parents decided to start an Oregon City chapter after hearing about what the other chapters were doing.

Edelman will speak at the event, which will be from 10:30 a.m. through noon at the Oregon City United Methodist Church, 18955 S. South End Road. Team leaders from around the country also will speak about the successes they've had. Child care will be available.

"We'll try to figure out what issues are important and what we can do to make a difference," Cole said.

-- *Colin Miner, The Oregonian*

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