

Pam Alvarado. Head Start of Lane County. 14 years. \$11.65 per hour. As a bus driver. If it weren't for her—those kids would not get to school and back. Working 25 hours per week. If it weren't for her husband's income there is no way she could make it on her own. Her pay covers only groceries and a few bills. There is no way she could live off what she makes. We've got a lot of families that live in too small housing. They don't have transportation. They can't afford extra things like a car and insurance. There is a lot of single moms. My coworkers depend on their husband's income because none of us can make a living on our own. Teachers get paid more than we do.