

Overview of Fun on the Run

- Free mobile recreation program that serves children 4–18, visiting Fairfield’s low-income neighborhoods
- Serves hundreds of children weekly with over 15,000 visitors per year
- Provides supervised recreation during the critical after school hours of 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. when kids are most likely to get into trouble. Activities include: sports, games, nutrition education, cooking, arts & crafts, and special events
- Two colorful FOTR vans visit 10 sites each week after school during the school year, and 20 sites during the summer months
- Help prevent juvenile delinquency and helps at-risk children make positive lifestyle choices
- Helps fight the childhood obesity epidemic by providing kids with daily physical activities
- Teaches kids about the environment, animals, and nature through an innovative hands-on program called Nature’s Critters
- Staff members provide kids with positive mentoring
- The Foundation pays the annual operational cost for one vehicle, while the City of Fairfield pays for the operational costs of the second vehicle
- Overcomes two key barriers to participation for low-income families:
 - Cost – program is FREE
 - Transportation – program comes right into the neighborhoods where people live

In 2006, FOTR was selected for The Helen Putnam Award, a prestigious statewide award of excellence by the League of California Cities. It also received a statewide award of achievement in the category of cities with populations over 100,000 by the California Park and Recreation Society.