



Children First for Oregon

2010 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION RESULTS

KEEPING CHILDREN HEALTHY

Expanded Oregon Health Plan(OHP) coverage to former foster youth:

A bill to expand OHP coverage, HB3664 passed unanimously passed the House and Senate. Youth who age out of foster care at 18 will now continue to receive the same health coverage they had while in foster care, which means they can even keep their same medical and mental health providers.

Bill to protect children from synthetic estrogens in children's products voted down in the Senate:

The ban on Bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles failed to pass out of the Senate despite the more than 200 scientific studies linking very low doses of BPA to prostate and breast cancer, obesity, altered brain development, cardiac disease, diabetes, and early puberty. Advocates will continue to try and find ways to protect Oregon's smallest citizens from this harmful product.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Extended funding for Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) until 2011:

CFFO, child care providers, child care recipients, and other advocates joined forces with legislators to ensure that 5500 children from 2,913 low-income families will continue to have quality child care so their parents can continue to work.

Paved way for expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit:

Legislators heard eloquent testimony from Oregonians who have been lifted out of poverty by EITC and they recognize that this tax credit is what low- income, working families need to make it in a tough economy. The informational hearings were a huge success and both advocates and legislators will be working hard over the coming months to have a strong proposal for the 2011 session.