2019 CHILDREN’S AGENDA
A LEGISLATIVE POLICY AGENDA FOR OREGON’S KIDS

Convened by Children First for Oregon
Making Oregon a place where all children thrive means making sure children have opportunities to reach their full potential. Through United for Kids, we bring together a community of advocates, coalitions, and organizations to champion equitable state legislative policies and investments that benefit children’s health, safety, economic security, and education. United by a shared Children’s Agenda, over 110 partner organizations spur communities and elected leaders to action on behalf of Oregon’s 870,000 children.

Children First for Oregon empowers communities to advocate for kids so all children in Oregon thrive. We are pleased to coordinate the 2019 Children’s Agenda as part of our United for Kids initiative. Children First was founded in 1991 to improve the lives of Oregon children by galvanizing community support and informing decision-makers about the solutions kids need. The Children First Board of Directors and staff support and appreciate our colleagues who work in policy arenas impacting Oregon children and families.
Invest in Oregon’s Children.

Parents, advocates, and policymakers know that children’s needs are as diverse as they are interconnected. Children need financially secure families to grow into successful adults. They require conditions that promote their educational achievement, from quality prenatal care to K-12 education. Children need a healthy, balanced foundation, mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally for future success. The absence of stable housing, adequate nutrition, academic opportunities, preventative health care, or mental health supports put all other aspects of child well-being at risk.

In order for every child in Oregon to thrive, all of the conditions that contribute to their success must be met. This means ensuring that children grow up in self-sufficient families, have regular access to physical, dental, and mental health services, and attend quality child care and schools. It also means removing the barriers preventing too many children of color, children with disabilities, children living in rural communities, and other disparately impacted children from reaching their full potential.

With the 2019 Children’s Agenda and over 110 Children’s Agenda partner organizations representing the wide range of policy areas impacting child well-being, we stand together to propose legislative solutions and investments that will allow us to provide a strong foundation for Oregon’s future generation. We acknowledge that even if we agree on what our children and youth need, we also have to support the Oregon Legislature as it finds a mechanism to raise the revenue required to make the investments in children that will guarantee their future, and our future as a state.

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REVENUE FOR:
✔ Quality education
✔ Home visiting
✔ Stable housing
✔ Foster youth

WILL ALLOW MORE OREGON CHILDREN TO THRIVE.
There are many policy initiatives that should be enacted to ensure Oregon becomes a place where all children thrive. Four concepts in the 2019 Children’s Agenda are prioritized because of the beneficial impact on Oregon children, especially for those who have been historically underserved, including children of color and children experiencing disabilities. We urge the Legislature to act on solutions that eliminate disparities and create a level playing field for children.

All children need a safe, stable place to call home. Four of every 10 families in Oregon rent their homes and because of historic disparities in access to wealth and homeownership, people who rent their homes are more likely to be people of color. By protecting people who rent their homes from unfair evictions and rent spikes, we can prevent dangerous housing instability for families with children, and help kids remain stable in their classrooms and homes.

Our priorities also elevate two evidence-based programs to support our youngest Oregonians. Universal home visiting for every newborn would provide one to three visits beginning at three weeks of age for every newborn and more intensive family support services for all Oregon families who need them. Young children who experience barriers to opportunity due to poverty, race, disability, or geographic location can avoid poor outcomes through access to high-quality early education. Children without that access are 25% more likely to dropout of high school, 50% more likely to need special education intervention, and 60% less likely to attend college. Expanding access to quality preschool programs with an equity lens can help avoid those negative outcomes.

Oregon’s foster youth need multiple layers of support from foster families, communities, and other caring adults. They also need the Independent Living Program (ILP) to help them build the skills to map out and implement their pathway to adulthood. Expanding funding for the ILP services to expand the ages served to 14 – 23 will help to ensure that more foster youth have the tools needed to become successful, self-sufficient adults.
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PRIORITIES FOR 2019

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Protect Families from Unfair Evictions, Economic Evictions

Prevent displacement and instability for children and their families by preventing unfair no-cause evictions and unlimited rent increases.

Expand Transition Services for Foster Youth

Increase funding for the Independent Living Program (ILP) to better meet the needs of all foster youth aging out of state care.

EDUCATION

Expand Access to Early Learning

Expand access to quality early learning programs for 10,000 children. A quality early learning system includes Preschool (Preschool Promise and Oregon PreKindergarten), an Early Childhood Equity Fund to support culturally responsive early learning, and EI/ECSE at recommended service levels for children with disabilities and delays.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Universal Home Visiting for Newborns and Parents

Implement Family Connects so all new parents have the option to have a nurse visit in the first weeks after returning home with a newborn.
CHILD CARE TASK FORCE
Child care spans multiple agencies, and must offer good outcomes for parents, providers, and children. A task force is needed to coordinate policy to achieve the outcomes children deserve.

SUBMITTED BY: Family Forward Oregon


REIMBURSE PROVIDERS FOR QUALITY CHILD CARE
Reimburse child care providers so they can afford to maintain quality, safe care — especially for infant/toddler care, off-hours, and rural areas.

SUBMITTED BY: SEIU Local 503, OPEU


BABY PROMISE FOR INFANT CHILD CARE
Every new parent knows the difficulty of finding quality infant/toddler care. By contracting with providers, Baby Promise will create more quality, safe child care slots for working parents.

SUBMITTED BY: ReadyNation

SUPPORTED BY: Oregon AFSCME Council 75, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Children’s Institute, Family Forward Oregon, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Kinship House, Neighborhood House, Northwest Mothers Milk Bank, Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Hunger Task Force, Oregon Montessori Association, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Student Association, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, SEIU Local 503, OPEU, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555

CHILD CARE COPAYs SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE
Reduce the copay for subsidized child care to recommended levels of 7% of income so children can have quality, safe child care while their parents advance their careers.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon AFSCME Council 75

**PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE**
Establish a paid family and medical leave insurance program, enabling working Oregonians to take paid time away from work when welcoming a new child, recovering from serious illness, or caring for a loved one.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Family Forward Oregon

**SUPPORTED BY:** 21In6, Oregon AFSCME Council 75, American Association of University Women of Oregon, Basic Rights Oregon, CASH Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Children’s Institute, Clackamas Women’s Services, College Possible, FACT Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, Healthy Kids Learn Better, Kinship House, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood House, Northwest Mothers Milk Bank, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Hunger Task Force, Oregon Montessori Association, Oregon Pediatric Society, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, SEIU Local 503, OPEU, Somali American Council of Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland, Washington County Kids

**EXPAND TRANSITION SERVICES FOR FOSTER YOUTH**
Increase funding for the Independent Living Program (ILP) to better meet the needs of all foster youth aging out of state care.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Foster Youth Connection

**SUPPORTED BY:** CASH Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, College Possible, FACT Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, Impact NW, Kinship House, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, NEDCO/Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, Neighborhood House, Neighborhood Partnerships, New Avensures for Youth, Oregon Council for Behavioral Health, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon CASA Network, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Oregon Family Support Network, Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Washington County Kids, Youth, Rights & Justice

**EXPAND THE OREGON INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT INITIATIVE**
Double funding for the Oregon Individual Development Account (IDA) Initiative. IDAs build individual and household financial resilience by providing savings incentives and coaching.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Neighborhood Partnerships

**SUPPORTED BY:** Causa, Clackamas Women’s Services, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, FACT Oregon, Habitat for Humanity of Oregon, NEDCO/Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, New Avensures for Youth, Oregon Housing Alliance, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland

**OREGON BRIGHT FUTURES PLAN**
Build the infrastructure to create the best possible Children’s Savings Account program that will inspire our next generation to aim past high school.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Neighborhood Partnerships

**SUPPORTED BY:** CASH Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Kinship House, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555

**PRIORITY**

**PROTECT FAMILIES FROM UNFAIR EVICTIONS, ECONOMIC EVICTIONS**
Prevent displacement and instability for children and their families by preventing unfair no-cause evictions and unlimited rent increases.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Housing Alliance

**SUPPORTED BY:** Oregon AFSCME Council 75, American Association of University Women of Oregon, Basic Rights Oregon, CASH Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Central City Concern, Children’s Institute, Clackamas Women’s Services, FACT Oregon, Family Forward Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, Habitat for Humanity of Oregon, Housing Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Native American Youth and Family Center, NEDCO/Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, Neighborhood House, Neighborhood Partnerships, New Avensures for Youth, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Law Center, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Student Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, SEIU Local 503, OPEU, Somali American Council of Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland

**INCREASE INVESTMENTS TO PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS**
Ensure that every child has a place to call home by increasing investments in the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) and State Housing Assistance Program (SHAP).

**SUBMITTED BY:** Community Action Partnership of Oregon

**SUPPORTED BY:** 21In6, American Association of University Women of Oregon, CASH Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Central City Concern, Children’s Institute, Clackamas Women’s Services, College Possible, Foster Homes of Healing, Habitat for Humanity of Oregon, Housing Oregon, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, NEDCO/Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, Neighborhood House, Neighborhood Partnerships, New Avensures for Youth, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Housing Alliance, Oregon Hunger Task Force, Oregon Law Center, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Student Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, SEIU Local 503, OPEU, Somali American Council of Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555
PROTECT FAMILIES THROUGH SAFE, STABLE, AND AFFORDABLE HOMES
Invest in the development of more safe, stable, and affordable homes for families with low incomes across Oregon.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Housing Alliance
SUPPORTED BY: Oregon AFSCME Council 75, American Association of University Women of Oregon, CASH Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Central City Concern, Children’s Institute, Clackamas Women’s Services, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Family Forward Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, Habitat for Humanity of Oregon, Housing Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, NEDCO/Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, Neighborhood House, Neighborhood Partnerships, New Avenues for Youth, Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Hunger Task Force, Oregon Law Center, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Partnership for Safety and Justice, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, SEIU Local 503, OPEU, Somali American Council of Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland

STRENGTHEN SERVICES FOR TANF FAMILIES WITH HIGHEST BARRIERS
Families nearing TANF’s lifetime eligibility limit require additional services to gain economic stability and ensure that children have the security they need to be successful.

SUBMITTED BY: TANF Alliance
SUPPORTED BY: 211info, American Association of University Women of Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Clackamas Women’s Services, Foster Homes of Healing, Kinship House, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood Partnerships, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Hunger Task Force, Oregon Law Center, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, Somali American Council of Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland

24/7 ACCESS TO 211INFO
Families across Oregon depend on 211info services. An appropriation of $3.2 million will build sufficient infrastructure to allow these services to be accessible day or night.

SUBMITTED BY: 211info
SUPPORTED BY: Community Action Partnership of Oregon, FACT Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood Partnerships, Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Housing Alliance, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

ECONOMIC SECURITY

END SUSPENSION OF DRIVER LICENSES FOR NONPAYMENT
Stop the practice of suspending driver licenses when individuals aren’t able to pay fines and fees from traffic violations.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Law Center
SUPPORTED BY: CASH Oregon, Causa, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Native American Youth and Family Center, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland

REVENUE

EQUITABLE REFORM OF OREGON’S BIGGEST HOUSING SUBSIDY
Equitably reform Oregon’s biggest housing subsidy, the mortgage interest deduction, so state funds can better serve Oregonians facing housing instability.

SUBMITTED BY: Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
SUPPORTED BY: Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Central City Concern, Housing Oregon, NEDCO/Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, Neighborhood Partnerships, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Housing Alliance, Oregon Primary Care Association, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, Somali American Council of Oregon, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland
EARLY LITERACY FUND
Expand primary care access to include evidence-based early literacy promotion and parent-child attachment support during the window of critical early brain development through Reach Out and Read.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Pediatric Society

SUPPORTED BY: Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Children’s Health Alliance, Children’s Institute, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Kinship House, Mission: Readiness, Neighborhood House, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Montessori Association, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Reach Out and Read, ReadyNation, Urban League of Portland

RELIEF NURSERY FUNDING
Relief Nurseries stretch state funding with private dollars to serve Oregon’s most vulnerable children and their parents. $5.6 million in new funding will help serve more than 700 additional children.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries


PRIORITY EXPAND ACCESS TO PRESCHOOL
Expand access to quality preschool for 10,000 low-income children who are eligible but can’t attend due to lack of funding.

SUBMITTED BY: Children’s Institute

INVEST IN HEAD START’S STATEWIDE PRESCHOOL
Allow Oregon Pre-Kindergarten programs to expand preschool programs to serve children, provide longer hours, expand transportation options, and pay competitive wages to keep their best teachers.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Head Start Association

EQUITY FUND FOR CULTURALLY SPECIFIC EARLY LEARNING
Establish an Early Childhood Equity Fund and invest $20 million to support culturally specific early learning, early childhood, and parent support programs across the state.

SUBMITTED BY: Latino Network

ENFORCE AND ENABLE SAFE CHILD CARE
Child care providers need professional development along with oversight so children can have quality, safe, care. Oregon currently has less than a third of the recommended number of licensors.

SUBMITTED BY: ReadyNation

BETTER ALIGN STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
Modify state preschool laws to ensure alignment and coordination between Oregon’s preschool programs.

SUBMITTED BY: Children’s Institute
SUPPORTED BY: Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, FACT Oregon, Family Forward Oregon, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Foster Homes of Healing, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, ReadyNation

EI/ECSE AT EVIDENCE-BASED LEVELS
Increase investments in Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) to support kindergarten readiness for children experiencing disabilities and delays.

SUBMITTED BY: FACT Oregon

LATINO STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN
Creates an advisory group representing the diversity of the Latino/a community and education stakeholders to develop a statewide education plan for Latino/a students.

SUBMITTED BY: Latino Network

ENFORCE TITLE IX IN SCHOOLS
Increase funding for Oregon Department of Education to better enforce Title IX. Oregon needs to both prevent and collect data about gender-based and LGBTQ discrimination.

SUBMITTED BY: American Association of University Women of Oregon
SUPPORTED BY: Basic Rights Oregon, Causa, Clackamas Women’s Services, Kinship House, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, New Avenues for Youth, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Student Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Somali American Council of Oregon
UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS
School meals fuel student success. Oregon can become the first state in the nation to offer meals at school to all students at no charge.

SUBMITTED BY: Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

STABLE FUNDING FOR OREGON STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY
Allocate funding and additional capacity to support the administration, analysis, and technical assistance to schools and districts for statewide student health surveys.

SUBMITTED BY: Healthy Kids Learn Better
SUPPORTED BY: American Association of University Women of Oregon, Causa, FACT Oregon, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Safe Routes to School National Partnership

TEACHERS AND DISTRICTS MUST NEGOTIATE CLASS SIZES
By mandating negotiations on class sizes, children have a chance for reasonable class sizes and improved educational experiences.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Education Association
SUPPORTED BY: Causa, College Possible, FACT Oregon, Kinship House, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Head Start Association, Somali American Council of Oregon

SUPPORT SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS
Invest in professional development, curriculum, targeted staffing, and other tools to support social and emotional learning, mental health needs, and trauma-informed care that is culturally responsive.

SUBMITTED BY: CareOregon
SUPPORTED BY: Somali American Council of Oregon, Urban League of Portland

OUR STUDENTS NEED HEALTH SERVICES AT SCHOOL
K-12 students deserve physical and mental health services that help build resiliency. Flexible funding supports trauma-informed schools, mental health services, school-based health centers, and other health providers.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon School-Based Health Alliance
SUPPORTED BY: 211Info, American Association of University Women of Oregon, Causa, Children’s Institute, FACT Oregon, Healthy Kids Learn Better, Kinship House, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood House, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Family Support Network, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Safe Routes to School National Partnership

NO MODIFIED DIPLOMAS WITHOUT IEPs
Ensure that immigrant youth are awarded modified diplomas only if they are first provided with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) so they know their options.

SUBMITTED BY: Somali American Council Of Oregon
SUPPORTED BY: Causa, FACT Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, Kinship House, Native American Youth and Family Center, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition

COLLEGE SUCCESS FOR YOUTH WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Oregon must expand four-year and community college options for youth with developmental disabilities.

SUBMITTED BY: All Born (In)
SUPPORTED BY: American Association of University Women of Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, College Possible, FACT Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, Oregon Student Association

REVENUE
DEDICATED REVENUE FOR EDUCATION
Raise dedicated and specific revenue to fund early education and K-12 programs to make sure that students receive the education they deserve.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Education Association
SUPPORTED BY: Safe Routes to School National Partnership, SEIU Local 503, OPEU, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555, Urban League of Portland
UNIVERSAL HOME VISITING FOR NEWBORNS AND PARENTS
Implement Family Connects so all new parents have the option to have a nurse visit in the first weeks after returning home with a newborn.

SUBMITTED BY: Fight Crime: Invest In Kids

EXPAND HEALTHY FAMILIES OREGON FOR MORE FAMILIES
Healthy Families Oregon should offer evidence-based voluntary services to help more at-risk parents and children achieve better outcomes.

SUBMITTED BY: Fight Crime: Invest In Kids

WIC TO 6
WIC now ends when a child turns five, creating a nutrition gap that hurts kindergarten readiness. Oregon should extend WIC through the start of kindergarten.

SUBMITTED BY: Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN
The Specialized Needs Workgroup identified five areas to improve services for children with complex needs: community services, regional assessments, care placements, data, and stronger system of care infrastructure.

SUBMITTED BY: Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley

OREGON CHILD ABUSE PREVALENCE STUDY
Oregon Child Abuse Prevalence Study (OCAPS) will provide Oregon decision-makers with critical information on rates of child abuse and neglect to allow for better informed policy decisions.

SUBMITTED BY: Prevent Child Abuse Oregon
SUPPORTED BY: American Association of University Women of Oregon, Causa, Children’s Institute, Foster Homes of Healing, Kinship House, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood House, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Somali American Council of Oregon

STRENGTHEN OREGON’S RESPONSE TO CHILD ABUSE
Increase investments in quality, comprehensive, child-focused services provided by child abuse intervention centers so that every child impacted by abuse has opportunities to heal.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers
SUPPORTED BY: 211info, American Association of University Women of Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Clackamas Women’s Services, College Possible, Foster Homes of Healing, Kinship House, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood House, New Avenues for Youth, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon CASA Network, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Somali American Council of Oregon,

FOSTER CHILDREN AND YOUTH DESERVE BETTER
Support systemic Child Welfare changes including additional case workers, training and support for foster families, Youth Support Crisis Plans, dedicated dental and mental health services, and implementation of Family First.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Foster Youth Connection

PROVIDE CASA SERVICES TO MORE FOSTER YOUTH
Invest $8,337,637 to recruit, train, and supervise new Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to serve at least 1,746 more Oregon children in foster care in 2019-21.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon CASA Network
SUPPORTED BY: 211info, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Clackamas Women’s Services, FACT Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, New Avenues for Youth, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Somali American Council of Oregon, Youth, Rights & Justice

FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT AND TRAINING
Invest in evidence-based training and support for every foster family in Oregon so all foster children can receive consistent, positive, trauma-informed care.

SUBMITTED BY: Foster Homes of Healing
FOSTER YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION
Provide foster youth with inclusive, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and trauma-informed sexual health education, led by Child Welfare, community partners, and youth educators.

SUBMITTED BY: Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
SUPPORTED BY: Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Clackamas Women’s Services, Foster Homes of Healing, Healthy Kids Learn Better, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Native American Youth and Family Center, Návleaus for Youth, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, Oregon Student Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Somali American Council of Oregon

PREVENT OREGON FAMILIES BY PREVENTING UNNECESSARY FOSTER CARE
Ensure Oregon’s standard for taking a child into protective custody without a court order keeps children safe while complying with the constitutional standard.

SUBMITTED BY: Youth, Rights & Justice

FUND SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC/SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Fund Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services so staff can be available to help those who are seeking help in escaping domestic and sexual violence.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
SUPPORTED BY: Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Clackamas Women’s Services, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Native American Youth and Family Center, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Oregon Law Center, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partnership for Safety and Justice, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon, Somali American Council of Oregon

CHILDREN’S SERVICE DISTRICTS
Add Children’s Service Districts to the list of Oregon’s 28 special districts. Locally enacted, these districts would fund services outside of school that best meet children’s needs.

SUBMITTED BY: Washington County Kids
SUPPORTED BY: Children’s Institute, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Impact NW, Mission: Readiness, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, ReadyNation

KEEP GUNS FROM DOMESTIC ABUSERS
Ensure domestic abusers comply with existing state and federal law by relinquishing the firearms they are already prohibited from possessing.

SUBMITTED BY: Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, Oregon Chapter

SAFE GUN STORAGE SAVES LIVES
Ensure that firearms are safely stored when not in the owner’s control and create strict liability when an unlocked firearm causes personal or property damage.

SUBMITTED BY: State of Safety Action
SUPPORTED BY: 211info, American Association of University Women of Oregon, Causa, Foster Homes of Healing, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood House, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Pediatric Society, Oregon PTA, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Urban League of Portland

YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION
Create a model suicide prevention policy to distribute to school districts and require that all districts have a suicide prevention policy.

SUBMITTED BY: Basic Rights Oregon

DENTISTS PROVIDING IMMUNIZATIONS
Allow dentists to administer immunizations as part of delivering primary health care services and increasing Oregon’s immunization rates.

SUBMITTED BY: Oregon Dental Association
SUPPORTED BY: 211info, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Head Start Association, Oregon Primary Care Association
**CLEAN ENERGY JOBS**  
Cap harmful climate pollution in Oregon and invest in projects that promote a clean energy economy and more resilient communities.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Environmental Council  
**SUPPORTED BY:** American Lung Association in Oregon, Causa, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Native American Youth and Family Center, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Public Health Association, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, Somali American Council of Oregon, Urban League of Portland

**PROTECT CHILDREN FROM DIESEL EXHAUST**  
Children’s lungs are especially susceptible to fine particulates found in diesel exhaust. Ensure Oregon replaces old, polluting diesel engines with cleaner alternatives.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Environmental Council  
**SUPPORTED BY:** Oregon AFSCME Council 75, American Lung Association in Oregon, Causa, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon PTA, Oregon Public Health Association, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, Somali American Council of Oregon, Urban League of Portland

**PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION**  
Invest $47.7 million into State, Local and Tribal public health to ensure every family and community in Oregon has the same communicable disease and environmental health protections.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials  
**SUPPORTED BY:** Oregon AFSCME Council 75, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Foster Homes of Healing, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Urban League of Portland

**OREGON HUNGER RESPONSE FUND**  
Invest state dollars to support Oregon’s non-profit food bank network in distributing food statewide to children and families struggling with food insecurity.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Food Bank  
**SUPPORTED BY:** Causa, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, League of Women Voters of Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Neighborhood House, Neighborhood Partnerships, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Housing Alliance, Oregon Hunger Task Force, Oregon Law Center, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Urban League of Portland

**PREVENTING UNCOUNSELED WAIVER OF YOUTH’S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**  
Protects youth by guaranteeing they consult with legal counsel before waiving any constitutional rights and prior to an interview with law enforcement.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association  
**SUPPORTED BY:** Causa, Foster Homes of Healing, Neighborhood House, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Urban League of Portland, Youth, Rights & Justice

**YOUTH SENTENCING REFORM**  
Reform juvenile sentencing in order to hold children accountable in developmentally appropriate ways, with a focus on rehabilitation and reintegration into society.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association  
**SUPPORTED BY:** Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Central City Concern, FACT Oregon, Foster Homes of Healing, Kinship House, Latino Network, Native American Youth and Family Center, Neighborhood House, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon PTA, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Student Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partnership for Safety and Justice, Urban League of Portland, Youth, Rights & Justice

**REVENUE INCREASE OREGON’S CIGARETTE TAX BY $2 TO PROTECT KIDS**  
Tobacco tax increases are one of the most effective ways to stop kids from starting a deadly habit. Revenue generated will help to fund the Oregon Health Plan.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** American Heart Association  
**SUPPORTED BY:** American Lung Association in Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Central City Concern, Children’s Health Alliance, Children’s Institute, Foster Homes of Healing, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Native American Youth and Family Center, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials, Oregon Dental Association, Oregon Pediatric Society, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation, Somali American Council of Oregon, Urban League of Portland

**REVENUE MEDICAID FUNDING PACKAGE**  
Provider tax package to fund the Oregon Health Plan and reinsurance program for commercial insurers.  
**SUBMITTED BY:** CareOregon  
**SUPPORTED BY:** American Association of University Women of Oregon, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Causa, Central City Concern, Children’s Institute, Foster Homes of Healing, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Northwest Mothers Milk Bank, Oregon Council for Behavioral Health, Open Adoption & Family Services, Oregon Center for Public Policy, Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices, Oregon Primary Care Association, Oregon Public Health Association, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, Somali American Council of Oregon, Urban League of Portland
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Children’s Health Alliance
Children’s Institute
Children’s Trust Fund of Oregon
Clackamas Women’s Services
Coalition of Communities of Color College Possible
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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
FACT Oregon
Family Forward Oregon
Fight Crime: Invest In Kids, Oregon
Foster Homes of Healing
Friends of Outdoor School
Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
Healthy Kids Learn Better
Housing Oregon
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization
Impact NW
Juliette’s House
Kinship House
Latino Network
League of Women Voters of Oregon
March of Dimes Greater Oregon
Mission: Readiness
Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, Oregon Chapter
NAMI Oregon
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon
Native American Youth and Family Center
NEDCO/Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services
Neighborhood House
Neighborhood Partnerships
Neighbors for Clean Air
New Avenues for Youth
Northwest Down Syndrome Association
Northwest Mothers Milk Bank
Open Adoption & Family Services
Oregon AFSCME Council 75
Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women
OregonASK
Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children
Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries
Oregon CASA Network
Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices
Oregon Center for Public Policy
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials
Oregon Council for Behavioral Health
Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
Oregon Dental Association
Oregon Education Association
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Family Support Network
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Foster Youth Connection
Oregon Head Start Association
Oregon Health Equity Alliance
Oregon Housing Alliance
Oregon Hunger Task Force
Oregon Latino Health Coalition
Oregon Law Center
Oregon Montessori Association
Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Oral Health Coalition
Oregon Pediatric Society
Oregon Primary Care Association
Oregon PTA
Oregon Public Health Association
Oregon Public Health Institute
Oregon School-Based Health Alliance
Oregon School Nurses Association
Oregon Student Association
Oregon Trial Lawyers Association
Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Partnership for Safety and Justice
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
Playworks
Prevent Child Abuse Oregon
Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation
Pro-Choice Coalition of Oregon
Reach Out and Read
ReadyNation
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
SEIU Local 503, OPEU
Somali American Council Of Oregon
State of Safety Action
The Street Trust
TANF Alliance
Tax Fairness Oregon
United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555
Unite Oregon
Upstream Public Health
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