



Lane County Commission on Children and Families

Small Investment, Big Return

WHAT WE DO FOR LANE COUNTY

We get results for children.

- Healthy Start children are half as likely to become victims of child abuse.
- Juvenile Crime Prevention funds target youth at high risk of committing crime and help prevent 57% from re-offending in the next year, with cost avoidance of \$17,000 per youth.
- Relief Nurseries reduce entry into foster care, keeping or reconnecting 88% of at-risk families with their children.
- Children with CASAs are 50% less likely to re-enter the child welfare system.
- Family Resource Centers in 2007-08 connected with over 6,000 students and parents resulting in improved school participation and homework completion, and increased parenting skills and family bonding.

We save Oregonians money in the short-term and the long-term.

- We help prevent the need for expensive services...
 - Saving \$23,000 a year for each child who does not need foster care.
 - Saving \$68,000 a year for each youth who does not enter Oregon Youth Authority custody.
- We help prevent poor educational performance...
 - Saving \$6,500/year for each child who does not need to repeat a grade in school.
 - Saving \$13,500/year for each child who does not develop special educational needs.

We bring in resources far beyond taxpayer support.

- Across Oregon, the Commission system has brought an additional \$40 million to local communities, at a 2-to-1 return on the dollars invested in the state and local commissions.
- In Lane County in FY 2008, we enlisted 15,559 volunteer hours valued at over \$244,000 and we leveraged almost \$1,000,000 in additional resources.

We tap into the strengths of local communities.

- More than 400 highly respected business and civic leaders are serving as champions for children across Oregon's 36 counties.
- Our success results from community-based decision-making that empowers citizens to solve local problems with a small investment from the state.
- Local commissions are rooted in communities and have flexible community resources to respond to the needs of children in both urban and rural areas.

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Our Mission:

To promote and enhance a community environment that protects, nurtures, and supports healthy children & families, in healthy & safe communities.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR LANE COUNTY and OREGON

Fund Programs that Work for Children, Families and our Communities.

- Fully fund the Commission on Children and Families system
- Sustain full funding for Healthy Start, CASA, Relief Nurseries.
- Sustain funding for Runaway and Homeless Youth grants.
- Sustain Employment Related Child Care (ERDC) support
- Increase pre-K, Early Head Start, Head Start and full day Kindergarten funding
- Maintain funding for Oregon's schools
- Increase basic health care coverage for children currently have none: Pass HB 2117, Governor's Healthy Kids Plan
- Increase and maintain enrollment of 60,000 children currently eligible but not enrolled in OHP: Pass HB 2404
- Focus targeted drug and alcohol treatment and intervention efforts on at-risk families, and increase prevention efforts

Boldly Create New Funding Options.

- Support a new "license plate for kids"
- Increase Child Care Contribution Tax Credits
- Support a beer and wine tax increase
- Support increased tobacco tax
- Support increased corporate tax

Together we protect Oregon's future tax base.

- Our investments develop children who will learn better, earn better, live better and give better.
- We are a sure-fire economic development strategy: Healthy, educated kids grow up to be good employees, valued community members and contributing taxpayers.