

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02-04

WHEREAS, 1999 Senate Bill 555 created a new method of comprehensive planning for services provided to Oregon's children and their families; and

WHEREAS, implementing Senate Bill 555 required significant changes in the way state and local government agencies and other entities work together to identify, plan for, and provide needed, services, supports, and initiatives to children and families; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 555 identified the Department of Human Services, Criminal Justice Commission, Commission on Children and Families, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Education, and Oregon Progress Board as principal State partners (principal State partners); and

WHEREAS, the Senate Bill 555 planning process affects additional State agencies, including the Community College and Workforce Development Department, Housing and Community Services Department, Economic and Community Development Department, Employment Department, and others (affected State agencies); and

WHEREAS, the role of the State of Oregon and its agencies in implementing Senate Bill 555 include:

- Developing partnerships among State agencies to combine planning and reporting requirements;
- Identifying, disseminating, and promoting information on best practices, promising approaches, and research-based practices;
- Collecting and managing data needed to inform the State and county planning and decision-making processes and developing a system to communicate to State agencies and counties in a coordinated fashion and at an appropriate level of detail;
- Jointly developing with counties planning and accountability processes that meet state needs and respond to the capacity of counties to implement those processes; and
- Providing resources, which may include funding, capacity-building, and technical assistance, to support the availability of effective, community-based services.

WHEREAS, the local community comprehensive plans shall include:

1. Identification of ways to connect all state and local planning processes related to services to children and families into the local coordinated comprehensive plan to create positive outcomes for children and families;
2. Provisions for a continuum of social supports at the community level for children from the prenatal stage through 18 years of age, and their families, that takes into account areas of need, service overlap, asset building, and community strengths;
3. An early childhood system plan;
4. Local alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment plans;
5. The local high-risk juvenile crime prevention plan;
6. Ways to improve results by addressing the needs, strengths, and assets of all children, families, and communities in the county or region including those children and families at high risk;
7. Strategies based on proven practices of effectiveness for the specific community; and
8. Strategies designed to achieve outcomes based on research-identified proven practices of effectiveness.

WHEREAS, State and local agencies have made significant progress in implementing the planning required by Senate Bill 555 but additional actions are necessary to continue that progress;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. The principal State partners shall, to the greatest extent possible and within their assigned agency mission, jointly submit budget and legislative recommendations to the Department of Administrative Services for consideration in developing the 2003-05 Governor's Recommended Budget. The recommendations shall identify which planning processes and resources of the principal State partners should be directed by the county comprehensive plans and shall be based on information from the comprehensive plans submitted by the counties.
2. The principal State partners and other affected State agencies shall develop a statewide plan for children and families based upon the county plans. The State plan shall be based on the needs, priorities, and strategies identified in

the county plans and shall include recommendations for State agency actions. The principal State partners shall identify and involve other affected State agencies necessary to address issues identified in the county plans.

3. The principal State partners shall develop formal agreements to improve coordination among the principal State partners and shall develop agreements among the principal State partners and other affected State agencies as necessary. The agreements shall:
 - Identify which resources should be directed by the county comprehensive plans;
 - Identify individual planning processes of the principal State partners and other affected State agencies affected by the State and county comprehensive planning processes;
 - Systematize within each principal State partner how coordination will occur among the principal State partner agencies and programs within those agencies, including reviewing county plans and using information from the county plans in the State planning process;
 - Identify means for systematic communication among principal State partner agency staff at all levels;
 - Recognize the shared responsibility to achieve positive outcomes for children and families;
 - Identify data to be provided to counties for planning purposes, how it will be made available, and how it will be updated;
 - Identify data counties must collect and report to the State and how to minimize reporting requirements to counties;
 - Identify joint outcome measures and accountability processes that the principal State partners will use.
 - Establish a process and structure for the principal State partners to develop the statewide plan referred to above;
 - Identify how decisions affecting implementation of Senate Bill 555 will be made within and among the principal State partners, and
 - Identify how to provide coordinated training and technical assistance.
4. All State agencies and programs that serve children and families, directly or indirectly, shall review the contents of the county plans and to the greatest extent possible within the assigned agency mission of each partner incorporate them into their budget and policy development.

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5. The principal State partners shall report to the Governor annually on December 1 on the status of compliance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

Done at Salem, Oregon this ____ day of July, 2002.

/s/ _____
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Bill Bradbury
Secretary of State