

Addictions and Mental Health Division
Health Matters Committee
Brief Description of Top Priorities for OCCF Website
January 13, 2009

The three selected Health Matters Committee priority areas as a focus for action are to:

- Provide all young children and their families with a regular source of coordinated, comprehensive, quality healthcare through improved early childhood linkages with health system and healthcare reform efforts. A group with public-private partners will build on current accomplishments in Lane and Multnomah Counties to implement *Help Me Grow*. For additional information, contact Anne Stone at the Northwest Early Childhood Institute, annes@nweci.org or 503 802-5252.
- Promote social-emotional development in all early childhood settings by developing statewide availability of health and mental health consultation to providers serving young children and their families. A group will build on the model and current accomplishments from the cross-disciplinary Child Care Health Consultation Program to develop a model for consultation in other early childhood settings. For additional information, contact Kathy Seubert at the Addictions and Mental Health Division, Kathy.K.Seubert@state.or.us or 503 947-5526.
- Identify & address health & behavioral health risks & conditions as early as possible by:
 - Building on current initiatives within the public health system for implementing universal standardized screening, referral & follow-up services to develop a replicable process for routinely sending to primary care providers the standardized early childhood screenings conducted by local health departments. For additional information, contact Cyndi Durham at the Office of Public Health, cyndi.j.durham@state.or.us or 971 673-0254.
 - Collaborating with the Public Health Perinatal Depression Initiative to support the 2009 Perinatal Depression Symposium and broaden the initiative's partner base to increase cross-system capacity for maternal mental health during and after pregnancy, screening, referral and follow-up. For additional information, contact Cate Wilcox, cate.s.wilcox@state.or.us or 971 673-0299.