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## Introduction

This book was developed by the Oregon State University, College of Health and Human Sciences, Family Policy Program for the Oregon Commission on Children and Families. Its publication builds upon several earlier efforts and publications. Each has helped to create a comprehensive wellness system and continuum of supports for all of Oregon's children, youth and families. These earlier efforts include:

- *Building Results: From Wellness Goals to Measurable Outcomes for Oregon's Children, Youth, and Families*. Developed by the Oregon State University Family Policy Program and published by the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, *Building Results*, reviews research to identify the best practices and specific outcomes that are strongly related to reaching the Oregon's goals and benchmarks for children, youth, and families.
- *Building Results: Measuring Outcomes for Oregon's Children, Youth, and Families* describes performance measurement strategies and measurement tools for tracking outcomes for children, youth, and families.

The guiding principle of the *Building Results* books is that no *one* effort will achieve Oregon's benchmarks or goals, but when multiple programs achieve outcomes that are strongly connected to Oregon's benchmarks and goals, progress is made toward these benchmarks and goals. *Building Results* is now fully integrated into the OCCF database in order to document inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes of programs and initiatives.

- The third book in the series, *Building Results Through Community Mobilization: From Wellness Goals to Community Outcomes For Oregon's Children, Youth, and Families* focuses on development and measurements of community mobilization strategies and outcomes.

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