

Oregon Thrives

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Food and Nutrition

- Expand community nutrition, food preparation, shopping and budgeting education
- Extend Federal breakfast and lunch to be for all students. No child left hungry/unfed with no cost.
- Train childcare providers and community agencies (including foster and group homes) in local food programs available and federal program requirements.

Food and Nutrition, continued

- Support state-wide farm-direct coupons at farmers' markets (for food stamps and WIC and seniors)
- Maximize community and public resources
 - Gleaning fields and orchards
 - Farm to school
 - Community spaces, lots, gardens
 - Sharing of garden surplus, neighborhood networks
 - Edible landscaping in public parks

Housing Opportunities for All

- Housing Alliance agenda
- Teaching economic and life skills in schools as part of curriculum
- Second chance renter relief for those with past eviction issues, credit problems, etc.
- Self-sufficiency programs to transition people out of poverty
- Community resource service centers providing access to basics for people experiencing homelessness

Economic Stability

- Universal and Preventative health care for everyone
- Single point of entry (no wrong door)
- Reinstate General Assistance
- Expand childcare availability resource and referral to availability and quality of childcare providers
- Expand support & assistance to secure child care for both working parents going to school

Asset Development

- Statewide 10-year, high-level plan to build prosperity.
- Expand Individual Development Accounts (IDA) to all areas and maintain adequate funding.
- Add financial education component to all levels of curriculum and recognize ESL as a critical element.
- Measure success; fund what works.
- Encourage use of USDA Farm Bill funds to support local rural entrepreneurs.