Department of Human Services

2015 Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee
Child Welfare Program Overview

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Presentation Outline

1. Child Welfare Program Mission & Goals
2. Child Welfare Program Response to Abuse/Neglect
3. Results and Accountability
4. 2013-15 Legislative Direction
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Child Welfare Program Mission and Goals

**Mission:** Improve family capacity to provide safe and permanent living environments for children.

**Goal:** Safe and Equitable Reduction in the number of children who experience Foster Care:
- Protect children and promote children’s safety in their homes.
- Help children who are unable to live safely in their homes live in settings that provide safety, stability and continuity with their families and begin the healing process.
- Secure safe, nurturing and legally permanent families for children who cannot be raised by their families.
- Expand program partnerships and increase the cultural competency of DHS staff and partners to better serve Oregon’s diverse communities.
Impact of Maltreatment throughout Life

- Abusive/Neglectful Parenting
- Insecure attachment. Negative picture of self
- Negative Coping Strategies
- Poor Social Functioning Poor Peer Relationships
- Psychological Distress
- Adult Relationship Dysfunction
Child Welfare is an interdependent system

Children, Youth, Families, Foster Parents, Adoptive Parents, Guardians, & Others

- DD Services
- Faith & Business Community
- Healthcare/Behavioral Health
- Education
- Juvenile Justice
- Community Providers
- Tribes
- Judicial System
- Housing
- Self-Sufficiency Programs
Child Welfare Programs

Child Welfare Program Response to Abuse/Neglect
Child Welfare Continuum (2013 data)

- 64,305 Reports of Child Abuse/neglect
- 27,644 Assessments
- 3,730 Children removed to foster care
- 1,117 Children with in home safety plan
- 817 Children with finalized adoption
- 313 Children exits to guardianship
- 295 Foster to adulthood
Abuse/Neglect & Foster Care Entry Drivers

- Neglect
- Drug/Alcohol Abuse
- Domestic Violence
Incidents of child abuse/neglect

Percent of abuse/neglect

- 40.6% Neglect
- 7.5% Physical abuse
- 6.5% Sexual abuse
- 1.4% Mental injury
- 44% Threat of Harm
2013 Exits From Foster Care

Where children went after Foster Care

- 58.7% Reunification
- 21.4% Adoption
- 8.2% Guardianship
- 6% Emancipation
- Other 3.5%
- 2.2% Living w/Relative
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Results and Accountability
Foster Care Rate per 1000 children

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Results – 2013

- At least one day in foster care: -19.6%
  - 2007: 15,060
  - 2013: 12,113

- Average number of children in foster care: -13.7%
  - 2007: 8,788
  - 2013: 8,447

- Children entering foster care: -18.1%
  - 2007: 4,556
  - 2013: 3,730
Results – 2013

- Percentage of foster children with relatives: 53% in 2013, 19% in 2007
- Percentage of victims served at home: 25% in 2013, 24% in 2007
- Absence of repeat abuse (Re-abuse): 3.1% in 2013, 92.5% in 2007, 95.4% in 2013
Foster Care Experience

- Preserving Connections
- Educational Success
- Safe and Healing Home
- Support to Adulthood
- Health Care
### Equitable Foster Care Reduction: The Numbers

*FFY 2013 Race Comparison: Oregon Children Served in Foster Care*

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*2012 Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012 Online; Source: Oregon Data Book, AFCARS*
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2013 Legislative Direction
Child Welfare Transformation Strategies

- Title IV-E Waiver
- Differential Response
- Community Collaboration
- Increased Staffing
- Expanded Service Array
- Permanency Round Tables
Differential Response Implementation

- 5/2014
- 4/2015
- 11/2015
- 8/2016
- 4/2017
- 10/2017
Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families Program Implementation

Navigators/Parent Mentors: Specialists to help navigate social service agencies.

Parent Mentoring: Specialists to reinforce parenting behaviors, supportive services.

Relief Nursery: Daycare, parenting, support services.

Alcohol and Drug Treatment: Inpatient/Outpatient services that focus on multi-dimensional issues such as parenting, DV services, and a relief nursery.

Housing: Short-term & Emergency Housing services.

Front End Interventions: Specialists (Alcohol and Drug, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, and human service generalists) responding with CPS workers.

Trauma Services and therapeutic services: Intensive services to trauma affected families and children.
Additional Direction

• Increased Services and Supports Statewide for Homeless and Runaway Youth.

• Implement Foster Child Bill of Rights and Establish a Foster Youth Ombudsman.
# Statewide Transformation – DHS Connections

| Partnership with the Department of Education to identify and remove barriers to foster children achieving educational success. | In collaboration with OHA, OYA and private providers, began a two year process to examine the structure and delivery of Behavioral Rehabilitation Services |
| Coordination with Early Learning Division at state and local level in the implementation of Early Learning HUBs. | Partnership with Addictions and Mental Health in the full implementation of Wraparound services. |
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2015-17 Budget Overview
GB 2015-17 Investment in Outcomes

DHS Child Welfare Programs has set a goal of reducing foster care by 15% from 2011 to 2020. In FFY 2014, we had an 8.4% reduction.

2015-17 Strategies:

• Increase in practice and transformation supports for field staff.
• Maturation of the Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families service array through outcome based contracting.
• Continued staged implementation of Differential Response to be completed in 2017.
• Implement the new Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver.
• Support Pay for Prevention.
Practice and Transformation Supports for Field Staff

- Coaching
- Consultation
- Quality Assurance
- Technical Assistance
Oregon’s New Title IV-E Waiver

- Enhanced Financial Strategy
- Reduce Long Term Foster Placements
- Early Identification
- Available Until 2019
Pay for Prevention

- Early Intervention to Prevent Foster Placement
- Investment of Private Dollars in Public Services
- Financial Backing to Attract Investment
Governor’s Child Welfare Budget

Budget by fund type – 47% Federal Funds

Child Welfare Budget By Fund Type

$470.12
50% General Funds

$22.92, 2%
Other Funds

$445.34
47% Federal Funds
Child Welfare Budget: 9.4% of DHS Total Budget

- $938.4 Million
  - Child Welfare: $461.09 Million (49%)
  - Well Being: $227.82 Million (24%)
  - Safety: $91.37 Million (10%)
  - Permanency: $158.10 Million (17%)
Child Welfare Budget

93% Direct Payments and Services
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Additional Issues/System Challenges
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• Implementation of HR 4980, federal legislation addressing Commercially Sexually Trafficked Children and Strengthening Permanency for Youth.


• General Fund sufficient to access Title IV-E Waiver savings.

• Dependency representation
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The Child Welfare Data Book

Oregon Child Welfare Data Set
https://rom.socwel.ku.edu/Oregon_Public/MyHome.aspx
Wrap-up

DHS 2015-17 Budget Themes:

• Finish what we’ve started
• Impact of federal changes
• Outcomes & prioritization
• Upstream investments & long-term financial sustainability
• Partnership alignment

Coming Up Next:

• DHS Program Design Services and Key Performance Measures
  - March 2
• Public Testimony
  - March 3
• DHS Wrap Up
  - March 4
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