



# Briefing for Community Partners

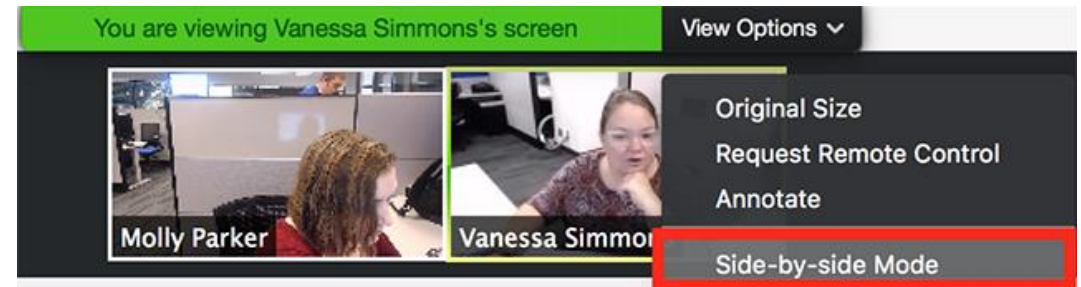
2021 Oregon Legislative Session

July 9, 2021



# FYI for today's briefing

- The briefing is being recorded
- Watch the briefing in the “side-by-side” speaker view
- Reserve use of the chat window for asking questions
- Questions will be submitted by typing them into the chat window
- The Q&A moderator will announce questions
- This presentation and an information sheet can be downloaded from our website



## Live closed captioning

<https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=ODHS>



# Agenda

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1. **Welcome**

Roberto Gutierrez, Director,  
Government Relations

2. **Presentation on ODHS 2021  
Oregon Legislative Session  
Highlights**

Fariborz Pakseresht, Director  
Liesl Wendt, Deputy Director

3. **Questions & Answers**

ODHS Director, Deputy Director  
and Program Division Directors

4. **Closing**

Roberto Gutierrez

# 2021 Session Highlights

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- Started January 19th and ended June 26
- Conducted remotely
- ODHS Government Relations team reviewed 1,224 bills, and tracked 346 bills. ODHS had 18 bills that benefits ODHS programming
- Prioritized pandemic relief, wildfire recovery, equity, education, housing, behavioral health
- Secured nearly \$1b in additional state funding



# ODHS Equity North Star

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The Oregon Department of Human Services inclusively leads with race and intersectionality in order to address the roots of systemic oppression that impact all protected classes.



We are dedicated to making services, supports and well-being accessible to all.



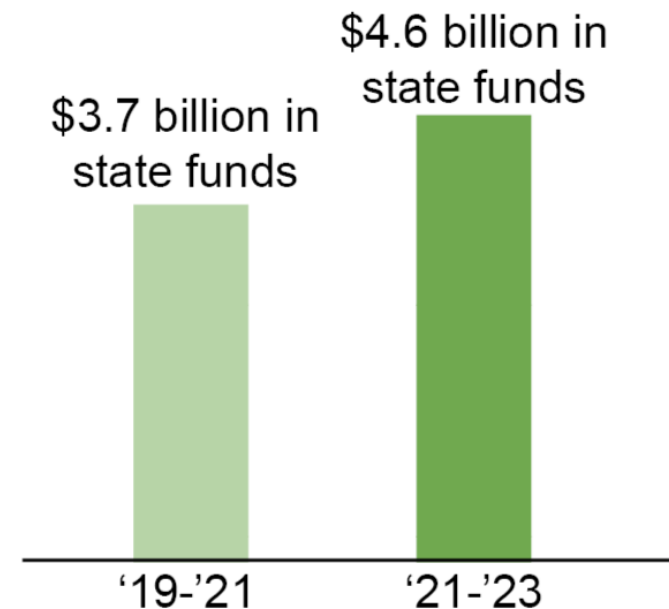
We are committed to partnering with communities to develop and deliver policies and programs that are equitable and improve community conditions.



Staff and communities will know services and supports are working when all who live in Oregon, regardless of identity or place can achieve well-being.

## New Budget Highlights

- Funding to continue services for caseloads and costs per case into 2023-25
- Investments that increase rates, increase eligibility for some programs
- \$15.5 billion in total funds for the 2021-23 biennium
- \$4.6 billion in state funds, up from \$3.7 billion
- 10,140 positions, up from 9,574



# EQUITY

Address  
disproportionate  
impact

# WELL-BEING

Support to help  
people reach their  
potential

# ACCESS

Meeting people  
where they  
are at

# Equity



**POP 107**  
\$4.4 Million to  
promote diversity  
equity and  
inclusion



**Language access**  
in the Office of  
Developmental  
Disabilities Services



**Child Welfare Equity  
Advisory Committee**  
within the Governor's  
Oregon Child Foster  
Care Advisory  
Commission



# Well-being



**Record investments  
in I/DD System**



**\$10 million for the  
Survivor Investment  
Partnership program**



**\$4.3 million for refugee  
case management and  
employment support  
services**



**\$4.4 million in general funds for  
Oregon Project Independence**



**\$5.3 million Foster Care and Youth  
Transitions Unit**

# Access Investments

Oregon**one**eligibility



**ONE Maintenance and Operations**  
Integrated ONE  
Maintenance investments

**2020 Wildfire Support**  
for shelter, meals and  
wraparound services

**Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC)**

# Tending Community

## Equity Well-being Access

Through data sharing, outcome tracking and transparency with you and the community

# What you can expect to see in the next 6-12 months

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## 1. Commitment to equity

1. Continue listening sessions and action framework with African American community and Latino/a/x community
2. Engage in culturally specific communications outreach, website upgrade focus groups and ODHS and EBT card re-branding
3. Continued improvements to the ONE eligibility customer service and access

## 2. Community focus including a **human centered design** effort

## 3. **Emergency Management** capacity in community outreach and engagement

# Questions & Answers

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## Panel

Adam Becente, Tribal Affairs

Dan Haun, Self-Sufficiency Programs

Rebecca Jones Gaston, Child Welfare

LeMont Boyd, Office of Equity & Multicultural Services

Mike McCormick, Aging & People with Disabilities

Eric Moore, ODHS Chief Financial Officer

Keith Ozols, Vocational Rehabilitation

Fariborz Pakseresht, ODHS Director

Lilia Teninty, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Liesl Wendt, ODHS Deputy Director

## Submitting questions

- Type questions into the chat
- Q&A will be moderated so we can hear about a variety of programs and topics
- If time gets short, ODHS will post answers to remaining questions
- Please reserve use of the chat for asking questions

# Staying connected

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## Where to find budget and stakeholder information

<https://go.usa.gov/x6zVV>



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**Thank you for joining us!**

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