

# News Release

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## **Director Fariborz Pakseresht statement regarding voluntary resolution agreement between Oregon Department of Human Services and federal Office for Civil Rights**

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Salem, OR – The Oregon Department of Human Services believes that all children and their families should be safe, healthy, and treated with equity and respect,” said Fariborz Pakseresht, director of the Department of Human Services. “We appreciate the collaborative approach as well as the assistance of the Office of Civil Rights in helping identify areas for practice improvements to ensure that all families receive the supports and services that meet their individual needs. This voluntary resolution agreement aligns with our core values and provides us an additional framework to implement best practices to best serve Oregon families.”

The agreement is available online at

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/12/04/hhs-ocr-secures-voluntary-resolution-and-ensures-child-welfare-programs-in-the-odhs-protect-parents-with-disabilities-from-discrimination.html> .

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