

Child Welfare Division Vision for Transformation Guiding Principle 3: Enhancing the structure of our system by using data with continuous quality improvement

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To our valued partners,

As we approach the end of the year, we also wrap up the deeper look into the <u>Child</u> <u>Welfare Vision for Transformation's</u> three guiding principles. This is just the beginning as we work together to make the <u>Vision for Transformation</u> a reality for the communities we serve.

The <u>Vision for Transformation</u> serves as a roadmap and compass for the Oregon Child Welfare Division to transform itself and the greater child welfare system. The three guiding principles give us direction to achieve the <u>Vision for Transformation</u>. This week, we will take a closer look at the <u>Vision for Transformation</u> Guiding Principle 3.

Guiding Principle 3: Enhancing the structure of our system by using data with continuous quality improvement.

This guiding principle states our Child Welfare transformation is built on data-informed practice and is supported by continuous quality improvement and modernized information technology systems and tools.

This means our daily work will include strategies that have:

- A holistic continuous quality improvement (CQI) system, based on implementing evidence-based best practices to evaluate and improve child and family outcomes, as well as the ongoing delivery of services and supports.
- Clear, uniform metrics that align with the Vision for Transformation, measure progress toward key goals and outcomes, and provide metrics that are relevant to our children, families, partners and Tribal Nations.
- Timely, accurate, useful and easy to understand data to highlight progress,
 identify and close gaps, and to drive education, policies and strategies for change.



- Managers to champion the use of data to ensure staff and partners understand its value, have access to it, and use it effectively in decision making and their day-today work.
- User-friendly and effective information technology systems and tools that make it
 easier to improve outcomes for children and families, keep them safely together,
 and provide insight and analysis into what's working and what's not to leverage
 advancements in research and technology.
- Identify opportunities within our data to drive education, policies and strategies.

There is more information in the <u>Vision for Transformation</u> on specific projects, initiatives and desired outcomes for Guiding Principle 3.

As valued community partners within the child welfare system, we hope you see the ways your work also aligns with this guiding principle. We encourage you to share the <u>Vision for Transformation</u> with your networks and communities. Together we can transform the child welfare system of Oregon.

Warmly,

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