

OregonChildWelfareDivision

Vision



for Transformation



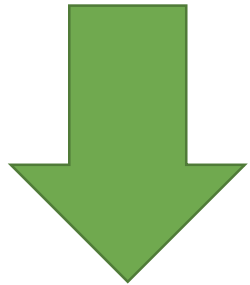
2021 Year in Review



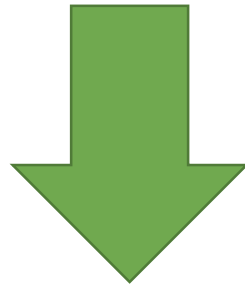
Our Vision for Transformation is based on a belief that children do best growing up in a family and on values related to honoring and supporting cultural wisdom, building community resilience and voice, and ensuring the self-determination of our communities of color. The goal is an absolute transformation.

Key Numbers

A focus on prevention



- On Jan. 1, 2022 there were 5,393 children in foster care



- Number of children who experienced foster care decreased by approximately 11% compared to 2020



- 1,699 families reunified



- 538 adoptions finalized



- 365 guardianships finalized

- Oregon continues to serve all children in the state. No children were placed in out-of-state residential treatment facilities in 2021.
- The Oregon Child Abuse Hotline (ORCAH) received approximately 175,000 contacts. Of these contacts about 46% or 80,000 were reports of suspected abuse and neglect.

Key Accomplishments in Guiding Principle 1: Supporting Families and Promoting Prevention

- All About Me Books
- Gaining approval of the Oregon Family First Prevention Services Plan, with a phased demonstration in three diverse areas beginning in 2022
- Implementing the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act (ORICWA)
- Distributed \$1.3 million to more than 300 young people to help them pay for higher education, housing, bills, access to technology and equipment, access to self-care and mental health support, and other important resources



Key Accomplishments in Guiding Principle 2: Enhancing our Staff and Infrastructure

- Amplifying strategies to prevent child fatalities
- Expanding a mobile crisis unit to address the critical needs of children in foster care with 24-hour support
- Building specific recruitment and retention plans
- Expanding affinity groups through KEEP
- Providing alternative childcare reimbursement during the pandemic to help families access care



"Parenting is parenting, but the beauty of the LGBTQIA+ group is being able to share openly about your child exactly as they are in a space that you know is safe."

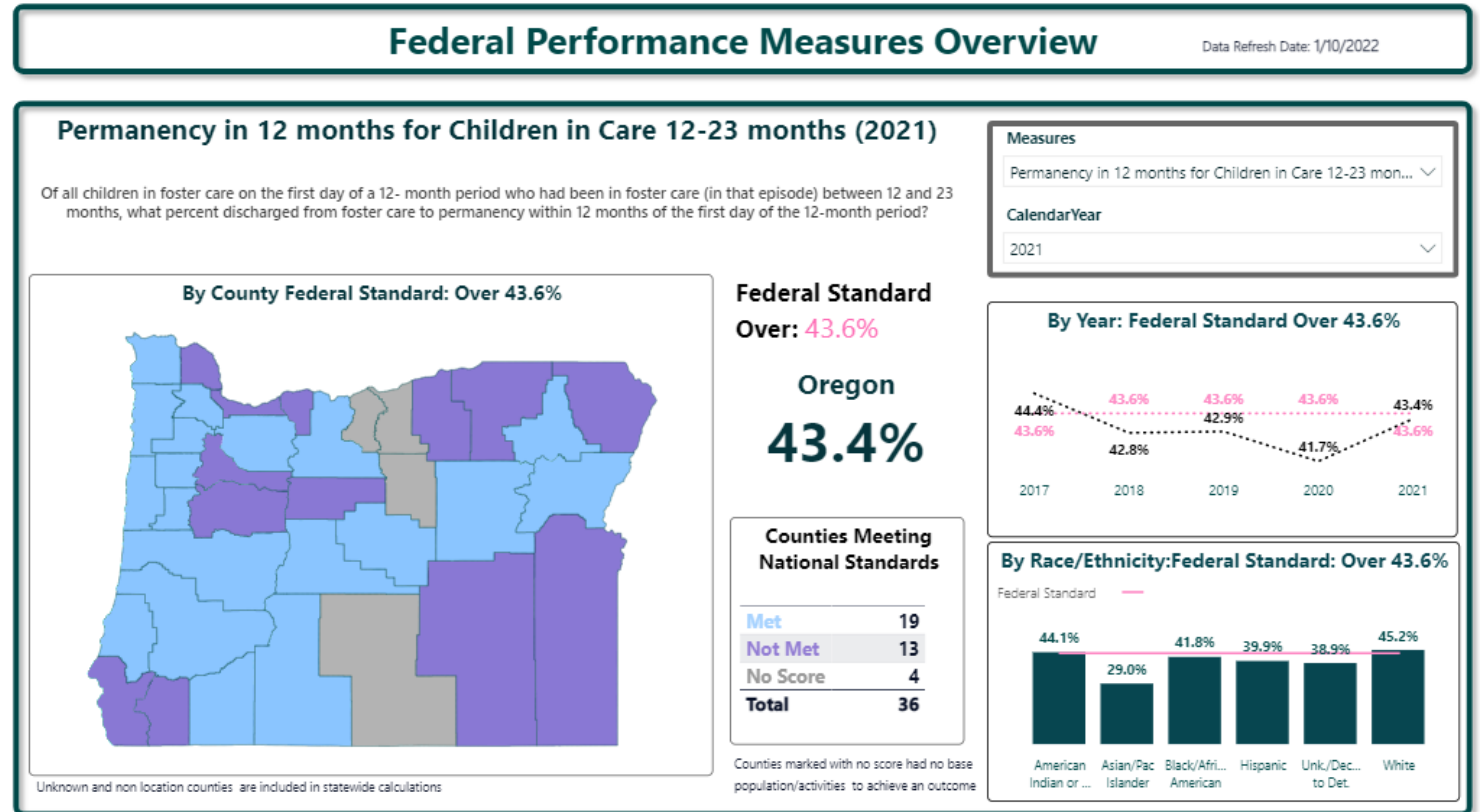
Amanda Law, KEEP LGBTQIA+

Affinity Group Leader



Key Accomplishments in Guiding Principle 3: Enhancing the Structure of our System by using Data with Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

- Launching a public dashboard on Oregon’s Federal Performance Measures to improve data literacy and increase transparency.
- Joining the National Partnership for Safety collaborative, ensuring data sharing and a focus on safety science.



Equity as our North Star

- Rule and practice changes to reduce the oversurveillance of families of color, give power to communities, and address structural bias in decision making:
 1. Shifting documentation requirements from Oregon Child Abuse Hotline to local medical providers regarding concerns about pregnant parents
 2. Reducing requirements of legal documents for gas vouchers for parents
 3. Changing the way we think about immunization and vaccination and having bio family and Tribal Nation voice at the table
 4. Changing language from “foster parent” to “resource parent” and “visitation” to “parenting/family time”

Opportunities to connect

- Sign up for our community newsletter
- Join us at the next Community Connection March 16, 2-3 p.m.



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Questions?

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