



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF **Human Services**

Annual Progress and Services Report 2027

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Incorporation by Reference

In accordance with this Program Instruction and its definition of “critical updates,” Oregon incorporates by reference the information and data contained in its prior year APSR as if fully set forth herein. Accordingly, this submission provides only critical updates since the prior year APSR, consistent with the reporting requirements of 45 CFR §1357.16.

Critical Updates

Note: throughout this report, the Oregon Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Division, is abbreviated as “CW.”

Accomplishments Achieved related to CFSP Goals

CW collaborated with FosterClub to create the Oregon Child Welfare Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Beginning on February 25, 2026, YAC offers consultation to CW on various projects and is fully described at this website: <https://www.fosterclub.com/or-youth-advisory-council>.

Relative Pathways for Care is a certification process that reduces barriers and supports potential relative caregivers in becoming certified resource parents, while ensuring they meet all safety and home study requirements. CW piloted this approach, then fully implemented it statewide in August 2025. Placement with relatives is a key strategy both in CW’s recently approved Program Improvement Plan and the Wyatt B. Collaborative Agreement.

Behavioral Health Treatment Foster Care (BH-TFC) is implemented after a successful pilot. CW has contracts with eight child-caring agencies, increasing capacity from 47 beds in 2025 to 71 beds in 2026.

CW submitted its Program Improvement Plan under the Technical Bulletin 14 pilot, “A Home for Every Child.” The PIP was approved on June 1, 2026.

¹ This publication may be found at <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/data/Pages/cw-data.aspx>. Direct questions to: Megan Brazo-Erickson, megan.j.brazo-erickson@odhs.oregon.gov

Progress Made in Planned Improvements or Outcomes

The Structured Decision-Making tool (SDM) for screening is in development. Technical updates in the CCWIS system have begun and implementation at the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline (ORCAH) is expected in January 2027.

In 2025, a new Health & Wellness Dashboard was created. The dashboard illuminates business processes and practices that lead to timely medical and mental health screenings for children entering care. It is monitored by the nursing program manager and supervisors to assess performance and identify local practices that are working and those that need improvement.

CW worked with community providers to create a new service that opened in May 2026: Individual Residential Care (IRC) Services. It is designed to serve one child at a time in a home-like setting with 24/7 trained staff while they are waiting for the appropriate level of care. IRC serves children and young adults when their recommended level of care is not accessible and who has needs, behaviors, or safety considerations that prevent service in other available settings.

CW submitted a revision to its Family First Prevention Services Plan and received feedback from the Children's Bureau. This work continues and supports CW's goal of keeping more families safe and together, reducing the number of children in foster care.

Revisions to Goals, Strategies, Services, or Activities in CFSP

The Safety Action Plan was developed with the technical assistance of the Human Services Group (HSG) after a statewide assessment of Oregon's safety practice. Details can be found here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/agency/pages/cw-safety-initiatives.aspx>.

Since the last APSR, funding changes resulted in the following changes:

- Cancellation of creation of regional academy system for initial training of caseworkers.
- Cancellation of Oregon Leadership Coaching model implementation.
- Expansion of university partnerships is limited to tuition stipends while the regional academy system remains on hold.

Other Material Updates

Monthly Caseworker Visit Grant Data

In FFY 2025, 95% of required monthly face-to-face visits to children from their caseworker were made.

Tribal Contact Change

The contact information for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has changed since the last APSR. Tom Begay Jr. is the interim CPS Director. He can be reached at 541-553-3209, PO Box C, WSO 97761, tom.begay@wstribes.org.

CAPTA Annual Citizen Review Panel Report

On April 30, 2026, CW received the required annual report from the Citizen Review Board. The report has eight recommendations requiring response. CW will respond to these in writing within the statutory time frame.

Inter-Country Adoptions

One child who entered care during FFY 2025 experienced an international adoption. This data was provided to the Children's Bureau securely to protect confidentiality.

Requirements for Pub Law 118-258

Legal Representation

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 419B.195 – 205 provide for appointment of counsel for children and parents/guardians. Chapter 9, section 1 of the Child Welfare Procedure Manual provides instruction for caseworkers on informing parents about the local court process for requesting appointed counsel when a legal case is initiated.

ICWA Timely Notice & Documentation

Oregon law and rules require CW to ensure timely notice to Tribes of state custody proceedings and placements involving Indian children, as well as state record keeping related to transfers of jurisdiction, termination of parental rights, and active efforts. The Child Welfare Procedure Manual and other tools aid staff in their daily work, beginning with identifying Indian children at screening (Appendix 2.1 in the procedure manual).

Health Care Oversight and Coordination Plan

The plan submitted and approved with the CFSP in 2024 meets the requirements set out in PL 118-258.

Financial Information

Maintenance of Effort (Section 432(a)(7-8))

The FY 1992 Child Welfare state and local base year amount was \$59,196,600. FY 2024 Child Welfare state and local expenditures were \$494,495,783.

Adoption Savings

As forecasted in last year's report, CW has started to use Adoption Savings to pay for:

- Durable goods assistance through With Love, Project Lemonade, and Oregon Kinship Navigator.
- ORPARC intentional engagement process at developmental stages where the family may need support navigating services and resources.
- Partially funding the cost of temporary lodging and temporary lodging prevention for children who are post-guardianship or post-adoption finalization.