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and
Grant Application**

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Attention: Catherine Nolan
c/o Catherine Luby

Re: FY 2007 Children's Justice Act Grants to States under the Child Abuse
Prevention and Treatment Act

Dear Ms. Nolan:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of State of Oregon Department of Human Service's 2007 application for funding under the Children's Justice Act to assist the state in responding to reports of child abuse cases in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim, enhances the investigation and prosecution of the case, and improves the handling of suspected abuse related child fatalities. The tentative fiscal year 2007 state allocation for Oregon is \$211,684.

The following compliance documents are included:

- Governor's letter signifying the State's continued compliance including the maintenance of a Children's Justice Act Task Force
- Certification Regarding Lobbying

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Stafford at (503) 945-5690. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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A. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STATES

1. Establishment/Maintenance of a Task Force

**Sections 107 (b) (2) and
107 (c) (1) of the Act**

Maintaining the Task Force

Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has sustained a Children's Justice Act Task Force since first established in 1987. By federal authorization and mandate, Oregon's initial Task Force served the goals of the Children's Justice Act. An interim legislative Task Force became an agency-appointed, ongoing Children's Justice Act Task Force in 1993. The Task Force maintains an expanded membership in accordance with federal guidelines. Three-year reports were issued in 1995, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006. These reports contained recommendations in each of the areas mandated by Section 107(e) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) as amended by The Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

Task Force Membership

The Task Force generally meets on a quarterly basis to acquire information, identify issues, develop strategies for intervention, review progress of projects and network with state and community organizations. Task Force meetings provide an opportunity for statewide information gathering and collaboration. This information is supplemented by Task Force members' professional contact with various and multiple organizations throughout the state.

The Oregon Children's Justice Act Task Force serves as a subcommittee of the Children, Adults and Families (CAF) Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC). CAF is the section within the Department of Human Services that is responsible for providing child services in Oregon. Two members of the Child Welfare Advisory Committee are also members of the CJA Task Force. This dual role provides direct access to leading policy makers regarding child protective service decisions.

The Oregon Children's Justice Act Task Force membership list is included on the following pages and is comprised of member name, title, agency and a brief description of the relevant professional experience of each member, and designation of which professional category the Task Force member represents.

Oregon Children's Justice Act Task Force Membership

Member Name	Title	Agency	CJA Task Force Position
REQUIRED MEMBERSHIP			
Steve Duvall	Lieutenant, Criminal Investigations Division	Oregon State Police	Law Enforcement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Oregon State Police (1995 to present) •Athens-Clarke County Police Department, Athens, Georgia (1991-1995) •United States Air Force Law Enforcement (1986-1991) •Oregon State Police Major Crimes Section Detective, Salem (1997-2004) •Participated as a member and/or agency representative for Multidisciplinary Teams in Polk and Marion counties (1997-2004) •Oregon State Police Major Crime Section Sergeant, Salem, Oregon (2004-Present) 			
Vacant – Working with Oregon Judicial Dept. for a Family Dependency Court Judge recommendation	Circuit Court Judge	Oregon Judicial Department	Judge Civil/Criminal Court - related to child abuse/neglect
Not applicable			
Honorable Douglas V. Van Dyk	Circuit Court Judge	Clackamas County Circuit Court	Judge Civil/Criminal Court - related to child abuse/neglect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge since 2002 •17 years in civil law practice as business litigation attorney •2004 recipient of Clackamas County Family Violence Coordinating Council Public Service Award •2002 recipient of Oregon State Bar President's Affirmative Action Award for service to the profession 			
Steve Atchison	District Attorney	Columbia County District Attorney's Office	Prosecuting Attorney
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •District Attorney for Columbia County since 1998 (Elected to 3rd term in 2006) •Vice President of Oregon District Attorneys Association •Appointed Deputy District Attorney in Columbia County in 1980 •Practiced law in Portland for three years •Law Degree from Lewis and Clark 1976 •4 years in U.S. Navy •BS from University of Oregon •Educated in Portland Public Schools •Born and raised in Portland, Oregon 			
Debra Markham	Deputy District Attorney	Yamhill County District Attorney's Office	Prosecuting Attorney
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Prosecutor for 26 years •Deputy District Attorney for Yamhill County assigned to the Juvenile Department 2003-present •Chair of Yamhill County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team •Member of Yamhill County Sexual Assault Task Force •Member of Yamhill County Bar Association Board 			

Robin Wright	Defense Attorney	Gervurtz, Menashe Larson and Howe, PC	Defense Attorney/Child Advocate Attorney for Children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bachelor of Arts, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, 1979, Phi Beta Kappa •Juris Doctorate, Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY, 1984 •Member, Executive Committee Juvenile Law Section •Member, Family Law Section, Oregon State Bar •Member, Multnomah Bar Association •Member, Washington County Bar Association •Member, Oregon Women Lawyers •Board of Trustees, Old McDonald's Farm, Inc. •Troop Leader, Girl Scouts of America 			
Becky Smith, Vice Chair	CASA State Program Coordinator	Oregon Commission on Children and Families	Court Appointed Special Advocate Representative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CASA State Program Coordinator, Oregon Commission on Children and Families 1998-present •Oregon Child Welfare Advisory Committee National CASA Association – NCJFCJ Judicial Liaison Committee •Juvenile Court Improvement Project Advisory Committee •Masters Degree in Organizational Development •BS: Community Services and Public Affairs and Certificate: Program Evaluation and Development (1974) 			
Teri Shultz, RN	Nursing Services/Personal Care Program Coordinator	Oregon Department of Human Services	Health Professional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Nursing Services/Personal Care Coordinator since 1997 •Adoption Assistance Consultant since 1997 •DHS Medical Response Team Coordinator since 1999 			
Matthew Pearl, LCSW	Child & Adolescent Program Specialist	Office of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Oregon Department of Human Services	Mental Health Professional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Masters Degree is Social Welfare from UCLA, licensed clinical social worker in Oregon since 2000 •Clinical experience providing mental health services to children & families in residential, day treatment, and outpatient settings •Administrative experience coordinating intensive treatment services in the managed care environment and implementing legislative initiatives through policy development and administrative rules •Liaison for community-based services to mental health organizations, community mental health programs, and mental health providers 			
Una Swanson	Child Protective Services Program Manager	Children, Adults and Families, Oregon Department of Human Services	Child Protective Services Agency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CPS Program Manager since June 2003 •3 years as Family Based Services Program Manager •4 years as Child Protective Services Supervisor in Marion County •8 years as Social Service Specialist (Caseworker, Intake Screener, CPS Worker, and Parenting Consultant) •With Marion County Family Court: Alternative Programs Assistant & Detention Shift Supervisor 			

Eva Kutas	Director, Protective Services for Residential Care	Office of Investigations and Training, Department of Human Services	Disabilities Specialist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BA English/Special Education •MA Sociology •Juris Doctor •10 years as advocate/attorney at the Oregon Advocacy Center focused on obtaining special education services for children with disabilities •16 years as director of Oregon's protective services agency for adults with mental illness and developmental disabilities •Past President, National Association of Adult Protective Services Administrators •5 years overseeing investigation of abuse against children with developmental disabilities living in 24-hour residential programs 			
Don Darland	President	Oregon Foster Parent Association	Parent Group Representative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •13 years as a foster parent •Served as President of Linn County Foster Parent Association •7 years consultant trainer for foster parents •Served on diverse boards concerning the prevention of child abuse •Served 8 years on the Linn County Commission on Children and Families 			
BENEFICIAL, NOT REQUIRED BY SECTION 107(c)			
Shary Mason, Chair	Community Outreach and Training Manager	Citizen Review Board, Oregon Judicial Department	Citizen Review Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Program Manager, Citizen Review Board 1993-2006 •Board Member, Tillamook County CASA Program •Member, Tillamook County Commission on Children and Families •Member, Emerging Issues Committee, Oregon Commission on Children and Families •Member, Tillamook County Citizen Review Board, 1987-1993 •Past Chair, Citizen Review Board State Advisory Council •Director, Teen Parent Program, Tillamook Bay Community College, 1987-1993 •Former Oregon Department of Human Resources Volunteer Services Supervisor •Juvenile Court Improvement Project Advisory Committee 			
Morris Blakey	ICWA Specialist	The Klamath Tribes	Tribal Representation
Bio unavailable at the time of this report.			
Kevin Dowling	Executive Director	CARES Northwest	Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Member of Multnomah and Washington County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Teams •Member of Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (2001-present) •Experience working at CARES NW as an Interviewer, Intake Counselor, Supervisor and Manager (1994-present) 			
Pending – Philip Cox	Assistant Director	Oregon Youth Authority	Oregon Youth Authority
<p>Philip Cox has been in state service for more than 17 years, first with the Children's Services Division and now with the Oregon Youth Authority. He is currently Assistant Director of OYA's Program Office. In that capacity, his responsibilities include leadership and oversight in a variety of program areas, including facility and community treatment services, community residential treatment and foster care, quality assurance and improvement, policy and rule development, and agency training. Prior to his current</p>			

position, Mr. Cox was OYA's Treatment Services Administrator for eight years and a coordinator of treatment programming for four years. Mr. Cox worked with Oregon's child welfare agency, the then-Children's Services Division, from 1990 to 1995, where he worked both in a field office and in the agency's central administration.

Stacy Liskey	Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Program Coordinator	Crime Victim's Assistant Section, Department of Justice	Represents County-Based Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams
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•Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Justice •Worked in the victim's services field with the Department of Justice for over six years •Worked as a claims examiner for DOJ's Crime Victims' Compensation Program •Volunteered as a sexual assault response advocate for the Marion County Victims Assistance Program •Graduate of Western Oregon University

The CJA Task Force is in the process of recruiting a member from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Child Abuse Training (CAT) committee.

2. Governor's Letter

The subsequent two pages include the State of Oregon Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski's letter.

Letter included in original document.

Letter included in original document.

3. Certifications

(a) Certification Regarding Lobbying

Pursuant to 45 CFR Part 93, this certification is signed and submitted with this application.



CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification

shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature

Director

Title

Oregon Department of Human Services
Organization

(b) Certification Regarding Drug-Free Work Place

(c) Debarment Certification

(d) Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Signature on this application by the authorized individual attests to the applicant's intent to comply with Drug Free Work Place, Debarment and Environmental Tobacco Smoke requirements. Signed forms do not have to be submitted with this application.

B. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES

Not required for Oregon.

C. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM CONTENT

1. Outcomes of CJA Activities and Projects

The Oregon Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force supported the following projects with CJA grant funds during the past twelve months. The projects include funding for the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Reunited video reproduction, Systems Response and Teens Project. Each project description contains impact and/or progress in the following areas listed in Section 107(e) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) as amended by The Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

- A. investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused;
- B. experimental, model and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including the enhancement of performance of court appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure procedural fairness to the accused; and
- C. reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.

The following entails a description of the projects and the status at the time of this report.

a. National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect	CJA Area (A) & (B)
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The Task Force awarded funds to the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN) to provide scholarships for Oregon child welfare professionals

and community members for admittance to the conference held in Portland, Oregon during April 16-21, 2007. Over 150 scholarships to Oregon professionals and a small amount of travel per diem was supported by the grant. The recipients included CASAs, Citizen Review Board members, individuals from County organizations, Child Welfare caseworkers, members of the faith community, foster parents, law enforcement, mental health professionals, multidisciplinary teams, mentors, individuals from non-profits, parents, parent leaders, students, tribal members, vistas and volunteers. The scholarships were geographically disbursed throughout Oregon. (See Attachment A for geographic distribution of scholarships)

The Task Force also supported the conference by providing funds towards Volunteer Coordination, management, and recognition. Over 400 volunteers from a variety of disciplines participated in various aspects of the conference.

b. Reunited Video for Juvenile and Treatment Court Judges	CJA Area (B)
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The Task Force funded the reproduction of forty-nine (49) video copies of 'Reunited' for juvenile and treatment court judges in Oregon and for the Oregon Judicial Department's libraries. Eleven (11) additional copies were printed for Task Force use. 'Reunited' is a motivational enhancement video for parents entering the Child Welfare system as a result of methamphetamine or other substance abuse related problems. The original video was produced by Jay Wurscher, CADC II and Eric Martin, M.A., CADC III with funds from the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act grant. The videos were distributed to Oregon Circuit Court Judges in collaboration with the Oregon Judicial Department's Court Program and Services Division.

The video is intended to motivate clients to take steps toward recovery, vital in the effort to keep their families safe and together. It is a collection of inspiring people, each representing a "true DHS story" with a genuine message of recovery. The goal is to encourage hope for any parent in the system, because hope begins the road to recovery.

The fact former DHS clients, now in recovery, have made their story available to other parents who enter the DHS system in the midst of their addiction is both courageous and commendable. They hope their story ignites the spark of recovery in other parents who will take the chance on treatment, discover the power of recovery and move toward the reward of having their children come home. Their effort toward personal recovery, and dedication to those still using alcohol and other drugs, is an inspiration for clients and professional helpers.

c. Systems Response	CJA Area (A) & (B)
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There are three (3) parts to the Systems Response project.

Part 1: Training for judicial officers

The Portland State University (PSU)/Child Welfare Partnership (CWP) provided training at the Juvenile Court Improvement Project (JCIP) 'Through the Eyes of a Child - Conference for Judicial Officers in Oregon' on 'Co-Occurring Disorders and Adolescents: Systems Issues/Solutions'.

Part 1 Status:

The training was provided in August 2006 to Circuit Court Juvenile Judges and court officers. The goal of the judicial training was to help the judges expand their knowledge and understanding of adolescent development, the services that are available, best practices and the youth perspective.

The conference coordinators conducted a post-training evaluation to assess all sessions on the likelihood that they will use the information. Training evaluation included questions regarding how participants will use the knowledge they have gained. CWP received remarkable evaluation results by ranking third (3rd) of sixteen (16) items that juvenile judges believed would assist them with promptly and effectively handling child abuse and neglect proceedings.

Co-Occurring Disorders and Adolescents: Systems Issues/Solutions Training Description

Youth with co-occurring disorders are highly vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and sexual exploitation. From a judicial perspective it is not always easy to provide for their protection. Because of their age these youth may seem more capable of fending for themselves than young children. Because of the nature of adolescent development compounded by their disabilities, these youth are often more resistant to safety intervention. Finally, the array of protective responses available to adolescents through the court is more limited than it is for younger children.

The workshop was designed to offer judicial officers a focused, evidence-based survey of approaches to keeping adolescents with co-occurring disorders (as well as other adolescents) safe from harm. It will help to avoid imposing further trauma on youth by the very systems designed to protect them.

Presenters reviewed what is known from adolescent development about youth

with co-occurring disorders and touched on challenges their issues pose to the court system. Presenters offered and elicited from participants examples of questions a judge can ask and/or evidence a judicial officer may wish to consider when making decisions concerning the safety and protection of youth with co-occurring disorders. Comments from youth with co-occurring disorders who have personal experience in the child protection system were featured in the presentation.

Part 2: Training for court personnel on collaboration between probation, parole, and dependency court

Through the Systems Response Grant, Child Welfare Partnership (CWP) agreed to provide training for judges on court collaboration involving juvenile courts and adult probation and parole. The goal of the seminars is to help eliminate duplication and encourage better use of resources at the local level for the protection and safety of youth in the dependency system. Juvenile Court Improvement Project (JCIP) agreed to provide support for this activity through their program of judicial and court improvement training. CWP will offer this training to Oregon's counties this summer (2007) with the assistance of the JCIP as follows.

Part 2 Status:

CWP has agreed to:

- Create an invitation letter describing the opportunity, providing a sample agenda and listing anticipated outcomes
- Receive and review applications and select project sites
- Prepare materials for preparation of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) application
- Work with local sites to arrange logistics, invitations, and other advanced preparation
- Provide facilitators and trainers for seminars in up to four (4) participating counties
- Evaluate the impact of the session

JCIP has agreed to:

- Send CWP's letter to their list of Trial Court Administrators and Judges with JCIP endorsement of participation
- Provide JCIP funds for Pro Temps coverage
- Assist with submission of CLE application

In addition, the findings of this project will be featured as an example of court collaboration at the annual 'Through the Eyes of a Child - Conference for Judicial Officers in Oregon' in August 2007, further disseminating information

about this model program to Oregon's juvenile judges and court officers. Martha Strawn Morris will present and CWP is seeking a rural panelist to assist.

Part 3: Increase amount of training provided to the medical and educational community

Child Welfare Partnership (CWP) will engage in research on under-reporting of abuse and neglect by the medical community and how best to engage medical professionals in improving that system. They will return to the CJA Task Force with findings and recommendations. CWP will facilitate a process with the Task Force to develop a plan of action to reach out to the medical field on these issues.

Part 3 Status:

Training Director, Marthe Lowrey, conducted a great deal of research on this topic, including conversations with a variety of professionals suggested by the advisory committee. As a result of these conversations, the scope of work was amended in conversation with the committee. Graduate Research Assistant, Melanie Sage, was hired to assist with this area of training preparation.

d. Teen Project:	CJA Area (A) & (C)
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The Task Force identified the perception that child abuse cases involving teens in Oregon were not responded to with the same priority as those concerning abuse of younger children. As investigative agencies struggle to meet their mandates without adequate funding, investigative and protective efforts seem to focus on young children who are considered more vulnerable.

This project addresses the following issues and recommendations from the 2003 CJA review process:

1. MDTs should include in their child abuse protocol the identification of teen victims as deserving access to appropriate services.
2. Provide technical assistance to MDTs to assess their local handling of cases involving teen victims, and provide funding to help MDTs incorporate strategies to address the challenges of teen behaviors.
3. Provide specific training opportunities for law enforcement officers and child welfare workers regarding special challenges and effective strategies when investigating crimes involving teen victims.

For the status and detailed information about this project see 'Projects to be assisted with CJA Grant Funds' (c. Teen Victims).

2. Projects to be assisted with CJA Grant Funds

In the Oregon Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force 2006 report, it contained four (4) Priority Recommendations (a. Training, b. Strategic Planning for Children's Safety, c. Teen Victims and d. Through the Eyes of a Child - Conference for Judicial Officers in Oregon).

The following is an overview of the projects selected for each CJA area listed in Section 107(e) Of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) as amended by The Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003. It includes objectives, funds allocated, characteristics of individuals to be targeted, approaches to be used, results expected and the extent to which the activity contributes to the reform of State systems handling cases of child abuse and neglect.

a. Training	CJA Area (A) & (B)
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In Priority Recommendation 1 (Training), the Task Force recommended providing accessible training on specific issues related to child abuse targeted at those professional groups who have a demonstrated need. Recommended training included Foster Care/Child-Centered Case Planning and Children with Disabilities.

Part 1. Foster Care/Child-Centered Case Planning	CJA Area (A) & (B)
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Grant Funds Allotted (FFY 2006): \$50,000 approximately
Another estimated \$32,895 (FFY 2007) may be dedicated to a later phase of this project.

Objective

Part 1 of Priority Recommendation 1 included Foster Care Training. The Task Force recommended reducing trauma to children during investigation and initial out of home placement.

Targeted Individuals

Provide training to law enforcement, foster parents, caseworkers, judges and other parties to specifically include training on Child-Centered Case Planning.

Approaches

This project is in the planning stage. The Foster Care subcommittee is discussing a Request for Grant Proposal (RFGP) for training on Child-Centered Case Planning and Fostering Attachment. The full Task Force has reviewed articles ('Hands that Protect and Heal 2007' and an Age/Development Guide for Child Well-Being) created by Judge Pamela Abernethy and Child Welfare Case Worker Gail Wenig. This training would include information on bonding and attachment, brain development and developmental needs of children at different stages. It would provide information on how to meet those needs in a way that reduces the trauma a child experiences when placed in foster care. However, further exploration is needed to determine whether the curriculum is appropriate for CJA funding.

Expected Results

All parts of the system would be aware of the trauma children experience when placed in foster care and would be knowledgeable about ways to mitigate the potential damage to their healthy development.

How Activity Contributes to the Reform of State Systems Handling Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect

Reduce trauma to children during investigation and placement.

Part 2. Children with Disabilities Training	CJA Area (A) & (B)
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Grant Funds Allotted (FFY 2006): \$60,000 approximately

Another estimated \$32,895 (FFY 2007) may be dedicated to a later phase of this project.

Objective

Part 2 of Priority Recommendation 1 included Children with Disabilities Training. The Task Force recommended providing specialized training (including best practice interview protocols) available to professionals to improve their interviewing skills with children who have a variety of disabilities.

Targeted Individuals

Multidisciplinary Teams, Child Welfare, Law Enforcement and Children's Advocacy Centers and children with disabilities that will be better served by professionals attending this training.

Approaches

The Children with Disabilities subcommittee is currently collaborating with the

CJA Grants Coordinator to create a Request for Grant Proposal (RFGP) for the first phase of this project. The project will be called 'Training Child Abuse Interviewers: Children with Disabilities'. The RFGP will solicit applications from individuals or agencies to provide the following training elements in phase one (1).

- Research training curriculums currently available to identify those that are consistent with Oregon laws and administrative rules. Determine whether any currently exist that can be adapted for use in Oregon
- Identify training specialists to review currently available curriculums and select one to provide training on interviewing skills for children with a variety of disabilities
- Design or modify training as appropriate for Oregon's specific needs
- Present initial statewide training

Later phases of the project will include:

- Present training at regional and statewide conferences on child abuse and neglect
- Plan to coordinate with Oregon's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to make training available at law enforcement trainings and conferences
- Coordinate with the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers and the four (4) regional child abuse assessment centers to make training available to child abuse interviewers working in local child advocacy and assessment centers
- Make training curriculum available in video format (DVD) and on the Oregon CJA Task Force website - (www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/committees/cja.shtml) and recommend this is included on Oregon's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training websites

Expected Results

The following is a list of the expected outcomes for professionals attending this training.

- Knowledge of best practices to interview children of any age who have a disability
- Ability to gather pertinent medical and social history, assess the impact of the information on the child as he/she presents and the effect(s) on the child in the context of an interview for concerns of abuse
- Demonstrate skills needed to recognize developmental needs of children with disabilities and interview effectively
- Understand basic issues related to interviewer bias, counter transference, and contamination as issues affecting sound interviewing practice

- Ability to make a decision in the field as to the most advantageous setting for a particular child with a disability when investigating concerns of abuse
- Understanding of the value of working collaboratively with community partners for the safety and treatment needs of a child with disabilities

How Activity Contributes to the Reform of State Systems Handling Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect

Increase interviewing skills for child abuse investigation for child victims with disabilities.

b. Strategic Planning for Children’s Safety	CJA Area (A) & (B)
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Grant Funds Allotted (FFY 2006): \$39,000 approximately
 Another estimated \$32,894 (FFY 2007) may be dedicated to a later phase of this project.

Objective

In Priority Recommendation 2 (Strategic Planning for Children’s Safety), the Task Force recommended developing a strategic planning process that will be used to mobilize communities in developing local community-based solutions that will address child safety issues related to parental use of methamphetamines.

Targeted Individuals

Law enforcement, caseworkers, judges, CASAs, Citizen Review Board Members, service providers, members of the medical and educational communities, drug and alcohol, mental health providers and community members.

Approaches

The Strategic Planning for Children’s Safety subcommittee realizes that this is a vast undertaking which will require careful planning and consideration. The subcommittee requested that the CJA Task Force fund a facilitated planning process. The process will include the full membership of the Task Force, key statewide leaders and necessary stakeholders. The deliverable from that planning process would be a strategic plan which outlines all of the action steps and tasks necessary to coordinate, market and implement a successful and productive statewide effort. The subcommittee will develop a Request for Grant Proposal in the fall of 2007. Future progress will include identifying organizations who want to collaborate, assembling focus groups, and investigating and planning for other resources.

In the near future, the Task Force will conduct background research, facilitate meetings and develop an action planning concept. The subcommittee plans to meet with Portland State University/Child Welfare Partnership to obtain suggestions and to further develop an RFGP.

Expected Results

Address child safety issues related to parental use of methamphetamines.

How Activity Contributes to the Reform of State Systems Handling Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect

Provides comprehensive, community-based protection for children.

c. Teen Victims	CJA Area (A) & (C)
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Grant Funds Allotted (FFY2004 & 2005): \$125,000

Objective

In Priority Recommendation 3 (Teen Victims), the Task Force’s recommendation was to ensure a continuum of services and resources for teen victims that are appropriate, adequately funded and designed to meet the specific needs of teens and to monitor objectives and accountability of the currently funded Teen Project, designed to address CJA Teen Issues. Juvenile Rights Project (JRP) working jointly with the Portland State University/Child Welfare Partnership was selected as the provider.

The Teens Project will accomplish two main objectives:

1. Improve the handling of cases related to adolescent maltreatment by developing a curriculum and providing training to those professionals who work with adolescents. The training, which will encompass the unique strengths and challenges faced by teens, will be delivered in July-August 2007 in Salem. We plan to make the training available online and design a web-based training so that those who are unable to attend are still able to access the curriculum.
2. Improve the multidisciplinary team (MDT) process for investigation and handling of adolescent abuse and neglect cases by developing a model protocol regarding adolescent abuse cases. This project will improve the MDT process because it will raise awareness among MDTs regarding adolescent-specific issues and provide a process for MDTs to follow when handling adolescent maltreatment cases.

A contract amendment was approved that provided \$20,000 additional funding

to use technology to enhance training delivery. The goal of this project is two-fold. The first goal is to use the internet to disseminate the training curricula and materials to a broad audience. The second goal is to create training modules which can be completed at a computer workstation. Because the modules would enable individual computer-based learning, folks who are unable to attend a face-to-face training or are employed by an organization which does not provide live training on working with teens would still be able to access and learn from the curriculum developed under the existing Teen Project grant.

Targeted Individuals

Train a variety of professionals who serve maltreated teens such as: child advocates, service providers, law enforcement, juvenile departments, judges, CASAs, and foster parents, and hope to train about fifty (50) trainers, representing a wide variety of organizations and vocations, which can then disseminate the curriculum within their respective organizations.

Approaches

1. Develop a new or revised core curriculum using results from the previous teen project to research best practices and model programs serving teen victims. The training will be developed for staff from a variety of agencies/organizations on how to provide effective interventions and investigative services for abused and neglected teens. The curriculum will be developed in coordination and cooperation with currently established training activities for target audiences and be integrated into ongoing curriculum whenever possible.
2. Develop and implement a training plan to disseminate the teen curriculum using a train-the-trainer model statewide.
3. Develop and make available a self-assessment tool for use by interested Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) to measure the effectiveness of their current policies and protocols for meeting the needs of abused and neglected teen.
4. Develop and make available to interested MDTs, model protocols that contain a philosophy statement, training recommendations and appropriate responses for most effectively serving teens.

JRP established a board of advisors which includes individuals from the following disciplines: education, legal, juvenile department, foster parents, DHS, independent living program, district attorney and community service providers. The board members were surveyed for input on curriculum content and training needs. They identified members within their respective organizations who would be willing to train organizations using the curriculum that the Teen Project develops. Project staff completed a national and statewide curriculum review to locate models of existing training which best address issues unique to

adolescent treatment that will be used as JRP develops their curriculum. Identified and finalized curriculum module topics were developed based on the curriculum review, advisory feedback and youth response.

Teen Project staff hosted a teen focus group comprised of current and former foster youth to obtain input from youth on what they want professionals to know when working with youth. JRP is working with rural Independent Living Program (ILP) offices and several juvenile court counselors to obtain additional input from youth outside of the Portland metropolitan area or involved with the juvenile justice system. They researched best practices for MDT evaluation and assessment and identified tools to measure MDT effectiveness.

Expected Results

The outcomes of the project include increasing awareness of adolescent maltreatment, establishing knowledge of best practices in working with adolescents, and improving the process of investigation and assessment of adolescent maltreatment.

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Will improve the investigative, administrative and judicial handling of cases of adolescent maltreatment.

d. Through the Eyes of a Child - Conference for Judicial Officers in Oregon	CJA Area (A), (B) & (C)
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Grant Funds Allotted (FFY 2004): \$18,031.81, **(FFY 2005 & 2006):** \$0

Objective

In Priority Recommendation 4, the Task Force's recommendation was to provide support and financial assistance to the Oregon Judicial Department's Juvenile Court Improvement Project for its sponsorship of the annual juvenile judges training (Through the Eyes of a Child - Conference for Judicial Officers in Oregon).

Targeted Individuals

Circuit Court Juvenile Judges and court officers.

Approaches

Due to the Oregon Judicial Department's Juvenile Court Improvement Project receiving 'Expanded Court Improvement' grant funds from the federal

government they no longer need funding support from the Task Force and were able to subsidize the conference with their federal funds in 2006 and 2007.

However, CJA funds did provide a training module at the conference. The Task Force Systems Response project (Portland State University/Child Welfare Partnership) supported the conference with over one-hundred (100) Oregon Circuit Court juvenile judges and court officers by presenting on Co-Occurring Disorders and Adolescents: Systems Issues/Solutions. See 'Outcomes of CJA Activities and Projects' (c. Systems Response), for more information on this project.

Expected Results

The workshop was designed to offer judicial officers a focused, evidence-based survey of approaches to keeping adolescents with co-occurring disorders (as well as other adolescents) safe from harm. It will help to avoid imposing further trauma on youth by the very systems designed to protect them.

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Educate juvenile judges and court officers on co-occurring disorders with adolescents.

e. Community Child Neglect Summits	CJA Area (A) & (B)
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Grant Funds Allotted (FFY 2005): \$76,000

Objective

The local one-day summits will use an action-planning format similar to the following. In a morning session, facilitator(s) would present information about child neglect to an interdisciplinary group of community professionals. For example, information might be provided in a morning session regarding incidence, impact on children, effective models of intervention, and what programs in the community might be related to this issue. An afternoon session would be structured to engage participants in a community action planning process.

Targeted Individuals

Agencies include, but are not limited to, local Commission on Children and Families, law enforcement, juvenile courts, drug and alcohol treatment providers, schools and educators, public/mental health, DHS Child Welfare/Self Sufficiency, CASA, family support agencies, community action programs, local

tribal or off-reservation providers or other ethnic/community-based agencies, and youth development groups.

Approaches

To expand on a previous Task Force recommendation on Child Neglect, the Task Force chose seven counties (Coos, Crook, Jackson, Lane, Malheur, Multnomah and Wasco) in Oregon to participate in Community Child Neglect Summits through a competitive grant process. The summit locations are geographically distributed throughout Oregon (See Figure 1 on page 28). The Counties will host one-day action-planning summits on child neglect from June through August of 2007.

Portland State University/Child Welfare Partnership will facilitate each summit. Selected communities will provide local coordination by working with the facilitators and CJA Grants Coordinator. The facilitator will provide technical assistance, develop a standardized planning format and handouts, provide community data, identify and provide content experts, facilitate the meetings and provide a final report on the implementation of action plans and effective strategies.

Facilitators will present information about child neglect to an interdisciplinary group of community professionals. Information may include incidence of neglect, its impact on children, effective models of intervention and related programs currently available in the community.

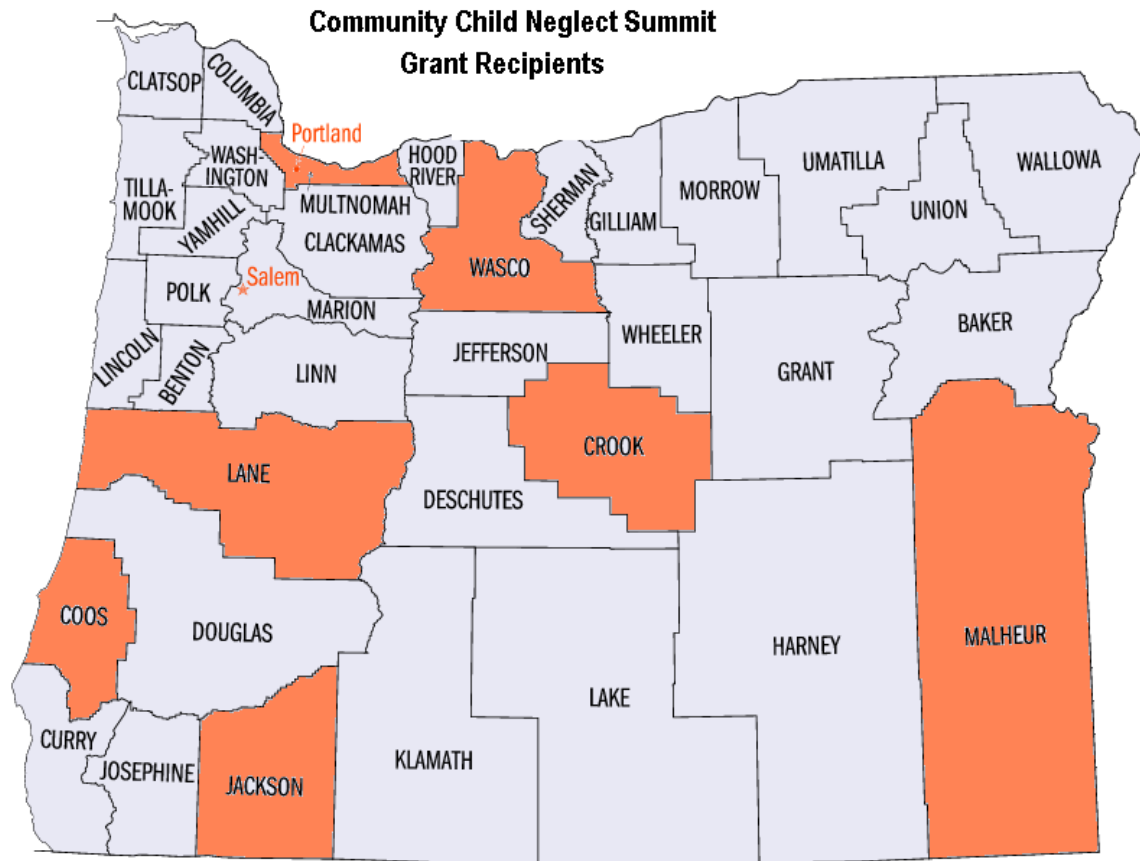
Expected Results

The session will engage participants in a community action-planning process on child neglect which will result in a final plan to implement for each community.

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Increases community awareness of child neglect resulting from methamphetamine and promotes a community-based, coordinated approach to identification, investigation and administrative handling of cases of neglect.

Figure 1.



Ongoing Projects

f. CJA Task Force Maintenance	CJA Area (A),(B) & (C)
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Grant Expenditures: Approximately \$5,000 annually

Description

This project provides the coordination and support necessary for the Children's Justice Act Task Force to review Oregon's child welfare system and develop recommendations to improve the state's response to child abuse.

The CJA Task Force is dedicated to improving Oregon's investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse, testing innovative approaches with experimental, model and demonstration programs, and

reforming state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse.

The maintenance funds are used for service and supplies for travel, printing, meals and supplies required to administer the grant funds. This also funds the travel to the annual CJA Grantee meeting for the Grants Coordinator and CJA Task Force Chair.

g. Grants Coordinator/Management	CJA Area (A),(B) &(C)
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Grant Expenditures (FFY2006): \$71,000

The Grants Program Coordinator position is funded with CJA funds. This staff position is responsible for program management, staff support for the CJA Task Force, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and administrative oversight for CJA and CAPTA projects. Grants Management funds are also used for staff salary and benefits.

Grant coordination provides the support necessary for the CJA Task Force to function optimally. The evaluation of the state's service system for abused and neglected children and recommendations for changes creates an atmosphere that encourages productive changes in the child welfare and other coordinating systems.

Description (*Grants Management staff responsibilities include*)

- Coordinate and support the CJA Task Force
- Prepare and provide mandated reports and other written materials.
- Provide support and technical assistance to the Task Force in the development of the three-year report and recommendations.
- Provide technical assistance in the implementation of CJA projects, monitor progress of project development to ensure goals and objectives are being met, and coordinate evaluation of the projects.
- Prepare and provide regular reports and updates about the CJA program to state administration.
- Prepare and provide mandated reports and other written materials to the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect.
- Coordinate the preparation of the yearly CJA application process.
- Develop and maintain multidisciplinary linkages with community partners and other state/federal agencies and programs.
- Prepare budgets and monitor expenditure of CJA funds.

- Staff participation in at least one federally initiated CJA meeting each year that the grant is in effect. Coordinate attendance of Task Force Chairperson.
- Attend Task Force and Task Force subcommittee meetings.
- Update Task Force on grant activities and annual federal CJA grant application content.
- Develop, monitor and track contracts.

h. Grants Assistant	CJA Area (A),(B) & (C)
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Grant Expenditures (FFY 2005): \$42,242.98

The Grants Assistant position is funded with CJA funds. This staff position is responsible for providing clerical support to the CJA Task Force, Family Based Services and Child Protective Service program areas.

Description (*Grants Assistant staff responsibilities include*)

- Attend Task Force meetings, create agenda and draft Task Force meeting minutes.
- Gather and coordinate reports, Task Force notebooks, and other information and documents, as requested by Task Force Chair, for distribution prior to or at quarterly Task Force meetings.
- Update Task Force Chair on DHS/CAF Deputy Director's new appointments to Task Force and assist with orientation of new members.

Other duties include:

- Provide administrative and technical support to FBS Program Manager and Program Staff as needed.

Grant Expenditures the FFY2007 CJA for both the Grants

Coordinator/Management and Grants Assistant are estimated to be: \$108,000

FFY 2004-2007 Estimated and Potential Budget

The following is an estimated budget for the FFY2004-2006 Children's Justice Act grants and a potential budget for the FFY2007 Tentative Allocation.

Oregon Children's Justice Act Task Force Grant Budget				
Grant Year	FFY2004	FFY2005	FFY2006	FFY2007 Tentative Allocation
Grant Period	10/1/04-9/30/07*	10/1/05-9/30/07	10/1/06-9/30/08	10/1/07-9/30/09
Grant Award	\$225,537.00	\$224,001.00	\$225,384.00	\$211,684.00
Expenditures:				
Task Force Services/Supplies (Includes travel to annual CJA Grantee meeting)	\$4,699.50	\$3,000.00	\$5,384.00	\$5,000.00
Through the Eyes of a Child Conference	\$18,031.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neglect Study	\$9,997.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neglect Summits	\$0.00	\$76,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Teens Project	\$82,761.98	\$22,238.02	\$0.00	\$0.00
Teens Project Add'l	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Systems Response Project	\$61,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alice Galloway (Technical Assistance)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunited Video	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NCCAN	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Children with Disabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$32,895.00
Foster Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$32,895.00
Strategic Planning for Children's Safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,000.00	\$32,894.00
Salary/Fringe: Grants Coord./Assist.	\$47,646.71	\$42,242.98	\$71,000.00	\$108,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$225,537.00	\$224,001.00	\$225,384.00	\$211,684.00

*Grant extended one (1) year.

3. How these Activities Support CJA Task Force Recommendations

The following includes how the planned activities support implementation of Task Force recommendations.

a. Foster Care Subcommittee Recommendations	
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Goal: Minimize further trauma to child victims of abuse and neglect who are placed in foster care or with relative caregivers through training, support, and data/systems changes.

Training

- Reduce trauma to children in how cases are handled during investigation and initial placement by providing training to law enforcement, foster parents, caseworkers, judges and other parties.
- Provide training to caseworkers, CASA, CRB, foster parents on child centered case planning.
- Provide training to the dependency court staff including judges and attorneys on the foster care system and its impact on children.
- Provide training for foster parents on the juvenile court process.
- Provide practice training for child welfare caseworkers on making placement decisions for children. Teach them to utilize a child's strengths and to do placement matching.

Support

- DHS, CASA, the court, foster parents and CRB work cooperatively to actively seek ways to obtain a CASA for every child.
- Improve advocacy for children by developing models of collaboration between CASA workers, the court system, foster parents, and child welfare workers.
- Use a team approach when making placement decisions where foster parents and caseworkers are partners in the planning process.
- Support implementation of Foster Parent Bill of Rights (Senate Bill 815).
- Support foster and relative care parents in reducing trauma to children by providing a place to call and providing more information at initial placement.
- Conduct ongoing regional forums for foster and relative care parents on the variety of services available to them through DHS and other community partners. Include community partners in the forums to build relationships at a local level.

- Work with the Foster Parent Association to establish a formalized, statewide mentoring system for foster and relative care providers.
- Pursue funding for relative care support groups.
- Empower foster children by teaching them how to advocate for themselves.
- Develop natural supports for children in foster care.

Data/Systems

- Utilize a child centered case model and placement matching when planning for foster care services for children.
- Support the development of policy, procedure and training to further the utilization of child-centered case planning. Use child centered and youth directed case planning.
- Support and encourage the development of local/regional newsletters for foster and relative parents.
- Have older foster children write a handbook for younger children in foster care.
- Create a plan for an evidence-based, statewide respite care program for foster and relative care parents.

Progress: For the status and detailed information about this project see 'Projects to be assisted with CJA Grant Funds' (a. Training, Part 1. Foster Care/Child Centered Case Planning).

b. Children with Disabilities Subcommittee Recommendations	
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Goal: Provide specialized training on appropriate interviewing techniques based on where children reside such as foster care or group home residential care. Educate professionals in all areas regarding the prevalence of abuse of children with disabilities.

Training

- Offer training on the types of disabilities and typical behaviors associated with different disabilities.
- Include training on child abuse neglect investigations as a special class available through the Child Welfare Partnership Training offered by Portland State University.
- Utilize the MDT day at the annual statewide child abuse conference sponsored by Western Regional Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect, Springfield Child Abuse Resources (SCAR). Focus on the role of each discipline in abuse investigations of children with disabilities.
- Make specialized training (including best practice interview protocols) available to professionals on interviewing skills for children with a variety of

different disabilities. (For example, recognizing and understanding the difference between interviewing children with developmental disabilities versus behavioral disorders.)

- Develop and institutionalize different tiers of training for the evaluation of child abuse in children with disabilities. Begin with a basic “101” training for the majority of professionals. This type of training could be web-based and available on an ongoing basis. Develop advanced training for a smaller number of specialists such as law enforcement, child welfare, health, and child intervention centers by geographic area.

Support

- None recommended

Data/Systems

- Support improvements in the state child welfare data system to identify the number of disabled children in Oregon who are victims of abuse or neglect.
- Develop procedures or policy that encourages child welfare workers to utilize the expertise of mental health and developmental disabilities offices throughout the state when conducting abuse investigations of children with disabilities.
- Use Multidisciplinary Teams to direct the investigation of child abuse in state residential facilities and other institutional care settings such as the School for the Deaf or School for the Blind.
- In order to maximize resources, develop a coordinated system's response protocol in each geographical area of the state as a guide to agencies on how to respond to abuse investigations involving children with disabilities. Consider using Multidisciplinary Teams to coordinate the development and ongoing implementation of this protocol. (Committee decided this should go to the Department of Justice for action.)
- Include provision of appropriate services to children with disabilities as part of the operating principles for all child abuse intervention centers in Oregon. (Committee decided this should go to the Department of Justice for action.)
- Develop DHS specialized units with expertise in residential treatment to investigate allegations of abuse involving disabled children in residential treatment programs.

Progress: For the status and detailed information about this project see ‘Projects to be assisted with CJA Grant Funds’ (a. Training, Part 2. Children with Disabilities Training).

c. Strategic Planning for Children's Safety Subcommittee Recommendations	
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Goal: Develop a statewide strategic planning effort to mobilize communities to address safety issues related to methamphetamine through training, support and data/systems change.

Training

- Develop a resource list of trainers that can provide factual information on methamphetamine for communities to use.

Support

- Gather and distribute factual information about the known effects of methamphetamine in each county (i.e., number of children in care, number of arrests, and availability of treatment).
- Develop and distribute community education materials such as a public service video on the effects of methamphetamine from the eyes of a child, or taped interviews with recovering addicts.
- Develop a coordinated community-based planning process that includes partners who can bring resources to the table, particularly Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug services.
- Develop a template for communities to use during this planning process. The template should pose questions such as “What are we going to do around methamphetamine in our community? “What are our resources?”, “How do we address child safety?”, etc.
- Coordinate the planning effort with the Commission on Children and Families and utilize their community mapping process. The Commission's focus is prevention, while CJA would focus on the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect.
- Coordinate the planning effort with MDTs, the hub of child abuse investigation. MDTs are required to have a drug endangered child protocol. The planning process should interface with that protocol.
- Provide communities with information about what MDTs throughout the state are doing to address this issue.
- Compile information from the community plans to present to the legislature including a map of current community resources to address the issue (drug endangered children) and resources that are lacking. Use the information in a statewide campaign to raise awareness about what is occurring in Oregon.

Data/Systems

- None recommended

Progress: For the status and detailed information about this project see ‘Projects to be assisted with CJA Grant Funds’ (b. Strategic Planning for Children's Safety).

d. Teen Victims Subcommittee Recommendations	
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Goal: Develop a new or revised core curriculum for training staff from a variety of agencies/organizations on how to provide effective interventions and investigative services for abused and neglected teens.

Training

Develop and implement a training plan to disseminate the teen curriculum using a train-the-trainer model statewide.

Support

Develop and make available a self-assessment tool for use by interested local Multi Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) to measure the effectiveness of their current policies and protocols for meeting the needs of abused and neglected teens. Develop and make available to interested MDTs, model protocols that contain a philosophy statement, training recommendations and appropriate responses for most effectively serving teens.

Data/Systems

Work with the District Attorney's Association to form a workgroup to identify gaps and potential legislative and administrative solutions to assist in effective prosecution of cases involving teen victims.

Request that the Oregon District Attorney's Association form a workgroup to consider legislative changes to assist in effective prosecution of cases involving teen victims.

Advocate for an appropriate, adequately funded continuum of services designed to meet the specific needs of teens including:

- Clarification of roles and service responsibility between Commission on Children and Families, child welfare, and juvenile justice systems.
- Information sharing across systems to better coordinate service planning and delivery.
- Develop a statewide resource directory of available services for teens in communities and make these services known and easily accessible by both teens and service providers.

Request MDTs develop guiding statements regarding their response to sexual activity between adults and minors.

Progress: Working in conjunction with the Juvenile Rights Project to support the recommendations found in the CJA funded research document “Promoting Community Protection of Adolescents.”

e. Crawford Decision Subcommittee Recommendations	
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Goal: The Crawford Decision Subcommittee is waiting for a pending U.S. Supreme Court decision and developing case law before continuing to work further on this issue.

Progress: This subcommittee will be suspended at the time of this report. The CJA Task Force will wait for further information after Oregon appellate court decisions. At that time, if the Task Force finds it necessary, they may continue this subcommittee.

f. Methamphetamine Subcommittee Recommendations	
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Goal: The recommendations of this subcommittee parallels with some of the recommendations of the Strategic Planning for Children’s Safety. This subcommittee is merging with the Strategic Planning for Children’s Safety.

Progress: Reunited Video Reproduction. For the status and detailed information about this project see ‘Outcomes of CJA Activities and Projects’ (b. Reunited Video for Juvenile and Treatment Court Judges).