



Comprehensive Planning

Senate Bill 555, passed by the Oregon Legislature in 1999, recognized the interdependence between strong, caring communities and healthy, thriving children and families. To support this focus, the legislation directed state agencies and local communities to plan together to determine the best way to support and serve children and families. The legislation designated state and local commissions on children and families as the lead conveners of the communities' comprehensive planning process.

Through this designation, local commissions facilitate a local planning effort and orchestrate implementation of strategies to meet locally identified issues in communities. The communities' comprehensive plans are to examine the full continuum of supports for children prenatal through the teen years and their families. In turn, the Oregon Commission on Children & Families establishes priorities from local findings and recommendations in the 36 community plans.

Locally coordinated, comprehensive plans engage communities to improve their systems of services for children and families, consider policy recommendations, improve service delivery results and mobilize their citizens to take action to improve the conditions and outcomes for children. Local plans such as alcohol and drug prevention, public health, workforce development, and poverty are to be considered in the process.

Each of the 36 counties in Oregon completed a six-year coordinated comprehensive plan for children and families in January 2002, with updates submitted in June 2004 and January 2006. In January 2008, the newest round of six-year coordinated, community, comprehensive plan for children and families was submitted. Priorities ranged from alcohol and other drug abuse in families, to hunger and poverty, to juvenile crime prevention.



Staff and advocates from state and local organizations reviewed the plans and developed key findings and recommendations, which were presented in an Executive Summary. This was submitted to the State Commission on Children & Families in April 2008. The State Commission, along with other collaborative partners, determined their 2008-10 leadership priorities to be in the areas of early childhood

“We all know that collaboration is pivotal in making a difference; but, patience and tenacity are also critical components. I am eager to join PCF in the next segment of community planning. I believe we can have a positive impact on the lives of Oregonians for generations.”

— Sharron Kelley
Member, Governor's Council on
Alcohol and Drug Prevention

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