

# ODHS End of Session Briefing

2023 Regular Legislative Session

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# Zoom Webinar tips

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All attendees:



## **Use the Q&A function to submit your questions**

- We will spend the last 15 minutes of the webinar answering questions
- We will follow up on any questions we are not able to address today
- If you would prefer to ask your question verbally, please ask to be unmuted in the Q&A box



## **This webinar is being recorded**

- It will be shared on our Community Partner Briefings webpage at <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/news/Pages/community-briefings.aspx> following the conclusion of the presentation

# Language and disabilities access

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# Outline

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Session priorities
- III. Legislative highlights
- IV. Budget summary
- V. What's next
- VI. Q+A



# ODHS central leadership

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# ODHS program leadership

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# Our organizational structure

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## ODHS Leadership

### Direct Services

#### Six major programs:

- Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)
- Child Welfare (CW)
- Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
- Oregon Eligibility Partnership
- Self-Sufficiency Programs (SSP)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

### Support Functions

#### Central Services including:

- Tribal Affairs Office
- Office of Equity and Multicultural Services
- Office of Resilience and Emergency Mgmt.
- Budget
- Human Resources

#### ODHS/OHA Shared Services

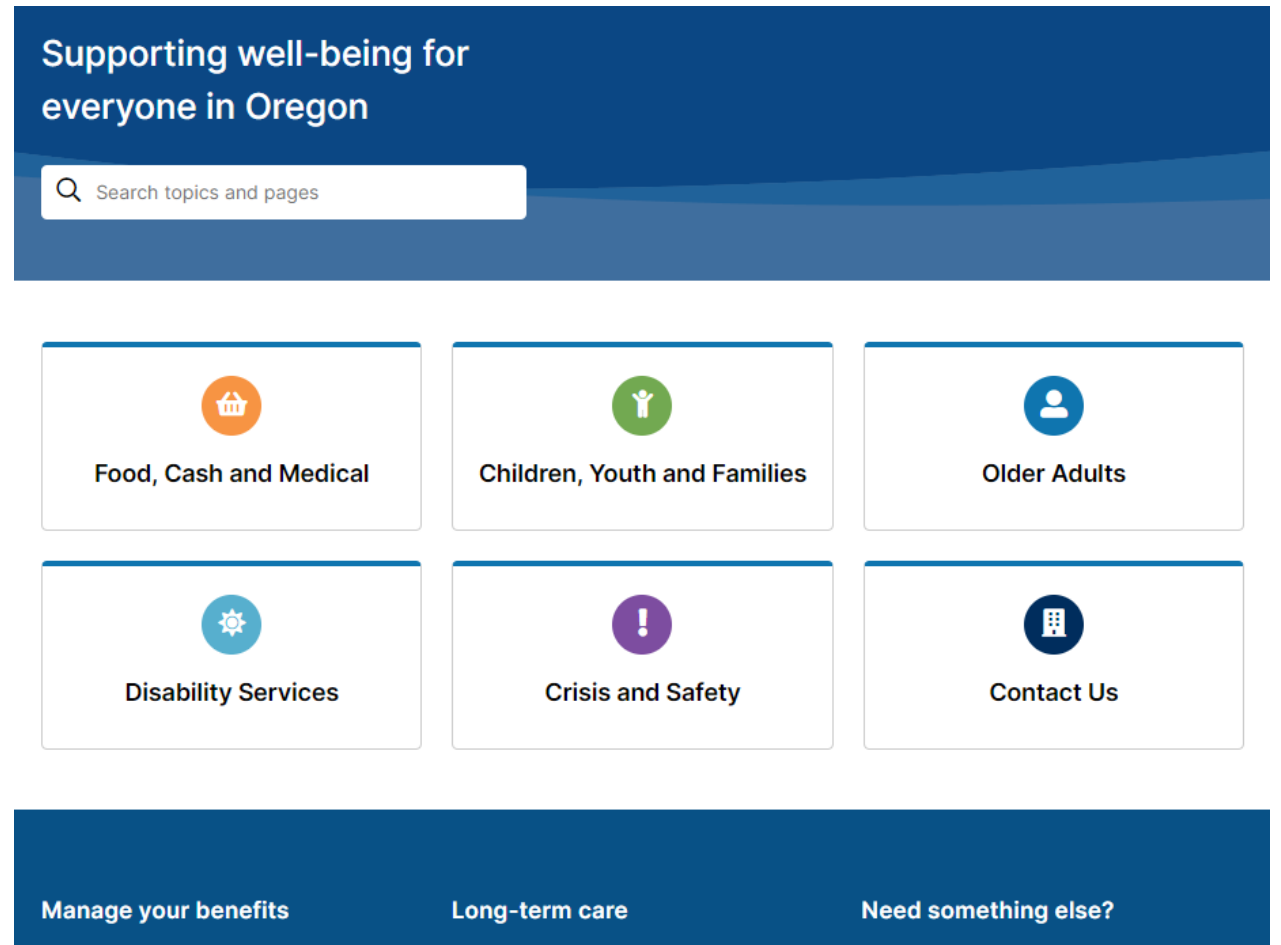
- Office of Information Services

# New ODHS website

**Our new website has launched!**  
Visit [www.oregon.gov/odhs](http://www.oregon.gov/odhs)

Redesigned for greater accessibility and navigability, the site has been tested by more than 3,000 users and is ready for you to explore.

Have questions or comments about the new website? We welcome your [feedback!](#)







INCLUSIVITY | EQUITY  
SERVICE | WELL-BEING

## Inclusivity

We inclusively lead with race and intersectionality in order to address the roots of systemic oppression that impact all protected classes.

## Equity

We are dedicated to make services, supports and well-being accessible to all.

## Well-Being

Staff and communities will know services and supports are working when all who live in Oregon, regardless of identity or place can achieve well-being.

## Service

We are committed to partnering with communities to develop and deliver policies and programs that are equitable and improve community conditions.

# Governor Kotek's key priorities

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- Housing and homelessness
- Access to behavioral health care
- Improving customer service
- Accountability and oversight in state government



# ODHS agency-wide focus areas

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Strengthening  
our foundations



Preparing for  
and responding  
to emergencies



Creating the  
future of human  
services

# 2023 Session Highlights



Key investments:

# Advancing the Governor's priorities

Ensuring people's access to health care, child care and other critical benefits



- \$30 million staffing investment in the **Oregon Eligibility Partnership**
- \$16.2 million to fund **ONE system maintenance**

Supports for people experiencing houselessness or at risk of becoming unhoused



- \$19.9 million for our **Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program**
- \$20.9 million to transition ongoing **humanitarian response mission** to community-based partners

Key investments:

# Strengthening our foundations



Nearly \$95 million in combined funding to strengthen Medicaid **Home and community-based services**



\$6.9 million for additional **Child Protective Services (CPS) staff** to ensure ODHS can conduct accurate safety assessments and provide effective support to families



\$10 million for **local food purchasing** by food banks statewide, helping to fill the gap in food supplies emerging as pandemic-era food donations decline



\$97.4 million in combined **funding for expanded caseloads** across multiple ODHS programs

Key investments:

# Supporting providers and resource families



\$121 million toward rates for providers who deliver essential **services to people with disabilities and older adults**



\$9.7 million to increase rates for **behavior rehabilitation services (BRS) providers**



\$16.8 million to increase **resource (foster) family reimbursement rates** by an average of \$241 per month, per family

Key investments:

# Creating the future of human services



\$38.2 million to expand the **Healthier Oregon Program**, providing health care coverage, supports to people with disabilities, and long-term services and supports to remaining age groups (27 to 54) irrespective of immigration status



\$2.96 million to enable the **migration of all current mainframe functions** to a modern and supported platform, helping ensure people's continued access to benefits payments.



\$4.5 million for **1115 Medicaid Waiver** coordination with Oregon Health Authority



# Key policy bills



Senate Bill 91 directs ODHS to apply for approval from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to operate a **paid parent caregiver program** supporting children with I/DD\* who have the most significant needs.



House Bill 2683 ensures children involved with or at risk of being involved with Child Protective Services qualify for the **Employment Related Day Care (ERDC)** subsidy.



House Bill 3395 allows ODHS to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations providing **affordable housing support to low-income college students** across Oregon.



House Bill 3409 creates **resilience hubs across Oregon**, directing the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM) to provide grants, support and technical assistance with an emphasis on extreme weather and disaster events.

# 2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget (LAB)



# Budget summary by program

	Office of Aging and People with Disabilities	Child Welfare Division	Office of Developmental Disabilities Services	Oregon Eligibility Partnership	Self-Sufficiency Programs	Vocational Rehabilitation	Central and Shared Services and SAEC*	ODHS total
Total Funds	\$5.2 billion	\$1.6 billion	\$5.0 billion	\$801.3 million	\$4.8 billion	\$147.7 million	\$1.1 billion	<b>\$18.5 billion</b>
ODHS Positions	1,513	3,594	955	2,644	999	275	1,055	<b>11,035</b>

All dollar amounts are rounded up.  
 \*State Assessments and Enterprise-wide Costs

# Changes from 2021-23

	General Fund	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Non-limited Federal	Total Funds	Positions
2021 LAB	\$4.8 billion	\$943 million	\$7.7 billion	\$3.7 billion	\$17 billion	10,454
2023 LAB	\$5.7 billion	\$1 billion	\$8 billion	\$3.7 billion	\$18.5 billion	11,034
Percent change	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

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# Change drivers

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In addition to the investments highlighted earlier, major change drivers include:



Expiring federal **pandemic-relief funding**



Changes in Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages (**FMAP**)



Creation of **Oregon Eligibility Partnership** as a unique ODHS program



Q+A

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# What's next?

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- Look for our **End of Session Report** in the coming days. We'll post it on the ODHS [legislative information](#) page.
- ODHS/OHA **Public Health Emergency unwinding** webinars: [English, Sept. 12, 10 to 11 a.m.](#); [Spanish, Sept. 21, 10 to 11 a.m.](#)
- **Vocational Rehabilitation legislative session review** for partners and the public: [July 27 from noon to 1 p.m. on Zoom.](#)
- This September, we'll hold our **next community partner briefing in person!** Details coming soon.

# For more information

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## **Questions about 2023 legislation?**

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**Thank you!**

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