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Vote Yes on SB 819-B

OTLA members fight for children who have suffered abuse. We seek to hold the wrongdoers accountable for the lifelong impact that the trauma has on the child, or on their loved ones if the child dies from the abuse, and we seek to improve child welfare through the accountability and transparency of the civil justice system. We have many of the same goals that were behind the passage of Karly's Law back in 2007, which SB 819-B impacts.

SB 819-B clarifies and expands the role of Critical Incident Response Teams (CIRTs). CIRTs play an important role in examining incidents of child abuse and determining how policies and procedures can be improved to limit future abuse. Like trial attorneys, CIRT comes in after tragedies occur. Below please find the link to a couple recent CIRT reports:

https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/CHILDREN/CHILD-ABUSE/CIRT/H%20H%20Initial%20and%20Final%20Report.pdf

https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/CHILDREN/CHILD-ABUSE/CIRT/cirt-xl-intitial-final-report.pdf

As you can see, the work they do to analyze what went wrong and why can be crucial to improving the operation and accountability of the child welfare system.

As part of the team working to prevent child abuse, we strongly urge a YES vote on SB 819-B.