

As the Executive Director of Parrott Creek Child and Family Services as well as a member of the Steering Committee for the Safe Kids Coalition of Clackamas County I am writing in support of SB299 which would all the creation of Children's Service Districts. Many key services for children and youth, particularly those exposed to violence, abuse and neglect in their homes, are critically under-funded by both County and State government departments. SB 299 would allow caring communities and local citizens to create Children's Service Districts to help properly resource the services that overwhelmingly support and say are needed. With more than half of our community members having been personally exposed to family violence or trauma, or having seen it in their close families, I urge the committee to support this legislation that gives citizens direct control over funding what they know their communities truly need. Thank you. Simon Fulford.