

House Bill 2731

Sponsored by Representatives REYNOLDS, GRAYBER, NERON, DEXTER, Senators DEMBROW, GORSEK; Representatives NOSSE, VALDERRAMA, Senator THATCHER (at the request of YWCA of Greater Portland, Family Preservation Project) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to establish, in collaboration with Department of Corrections, Family Preservation Project pilot program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Provides that program shall be administered by YWCA of Greater Portland. Specifies goals of program and services that may be provided. Requires commission to perform analysis of program and report results of analysis to Legislative Assembly beginning September 15, 2026, and every two years thereafter. Appropriates moneys to Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for distribution to YWCA of Greater Portland for purposes of program. Sunsets program on January 1, 2031.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Family Preservation Project; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, in collaboration with the**
5 **Department of Corrections, shall establish the Family Preservation Project pilot program at**
6 **the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.**

7 **(b) The program shall be administered by the YWCA of Greater Portland and be located**
8 **within the facility.**

9 **(2) The goals of the program include:**

10 **(a) Providing services that increase protective factors within families, create self-efficacy**
11 **in parents and lead to successful parenting upon reentry;**

12 **(b) Reducing the trauma experienced by children of incarcerated parents;**

13 **(c) Improving social-emotional and educational outcomes for the children of incarcerated**
14 **parents;**

15 **(d) Increasing successful reentry of incarcerated parents and reunification with families;**

16 **(e) Reducing the likelihood that children of incarcerated parents enter the justice system;**
17 **and**

18 **(f) Reducing recidivism.**

19 **(3)(a)(A) The program may provide services to parents serving sentences of incarceration**
20 **at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, children of the parents and caregivers of the children,**
21 **that the program determines to be eligible, as provided in subparagraph (B) of this para-**
22 **graph.**

23 **(B) The program shall collaborate with the Department of Corrections and, if a child is**
24 **in the care and custody of the Department of Human Services, with the Department of Hu-**
25 **man Services, to determine the eligibility of the individuals described in subparagraph (A)**
26 **of this paragraph.**

27 **(b) The services provided under this section must be individualized, targeted, culturally**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 appropriate, gender-responsive, trauma-informed and, when delivered to children in the care
 2 and custody of the Department of Human Services, determined in collaboration with the
 3 Department of Human Services.

4 (c) Services provided under this section may include, but are not limited to:

- 5 (A) Therapeutic visitations;
- 6 (B) Biopsychosocial assessments and interventions;
- 7 (C) Psycho-educational and support groups;
- 8 (D) Intensive transition planning;
- 9 (E) Parenting support and education;
- 10 (F) Caregiver support;
- 11 (G) Juvenile and family law support;
- 12 (H) Communication support;
- 13 (I) Reentry and peer support; and
- 14 (J) Lectures and speaker series.

15 (4) The YWCA of Greater Portland shall contribute to the program:

- 16 (a) Practitioners who have at least a master's degree with specific training in family
 17 systems, adult and children's mental health and trauma;
- 18 (b) Tracking of outcome measurements of the program;
- 19 (c) Community partnerships;
- 20 (d) Family housing opportunities; and
- 21 (e) Domestic violence and sexual assault victim support and services.

22 (5) The Department of Corrections shall contribute to the program:

- 23 (a) Training required to obtain contractor identification, keys and access to information
 24 technology systems and support;
- 25 (b) Adequate office space to house all program staff;
- 26 (c) Adequate designated classroom space;
- 27 (d) Adequate space to hold monthly speaker series meetings;
- 28 (e) A child-friendly space for therapeutic visitation twice a month;
- 29 (f) A designated person to act as a liaison between Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and
 30 the YWCA of Greater Portland; and
- 31 (g) The opportunity for quarterly team program meetings to establish and review proto-
 32 cols and procedures of the program.

33 (6) The commission shall contribute to the program:

- 34 (a) Research and analysis support, including the evaluation described in subsection (8)
 35 of this section; and
- 36 (b) The collection of data, in collaboration with the program, concerning maternal
 37 incarceration.

38 (7) The commission, the Department of Corrections and representatives of the program
 39 shall meet quarterly with other state agencies, as determined by the commission, Depart-
 40 ment of Corrections or program and including but not limited to the Department of Human
 41 Services, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Education, to discuss and
 42 provide updates concerning the implementation and outcomes of the program.

43 (8) No later than September 15, 2026, and every two years thereafter, the commission, in
 44 consultation with the YWCA of Greater Portland and the Department of Corrections, shall
 45 evaluate the effectiveness of the program described in this section and shall report the re-

1 **sults of the analysis to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245.**

2 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
3 **ated to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,**
4 **out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ , for distribution to the YWCA of**
5 **Greater Portland to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

6 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 1, 2031.**

7 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
9 **on its passage.**

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