



TO: Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey;
Members of the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

RE: Support for Washington County Family Peace Center Project

May 5, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey,

As Washington County Legislators we lend our support and respectfully request your consideration of the Family Peace Center Project. The Family Justice Center of Washington County is seeking lottery dollars to account for increased build costs of the Family Peace Center. The Family Justice Center is currently working to finalize the purchase of a building in Washington County and are asking the legislature for \$6 million in lottery bond revenues to help renovate the space to provide child abuse services and better serve survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in the new Family Peace Center.

Child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault are widespread in Oregon:

- 40% of women and 36% of men experience domestic violence, compared to 33% and 24% nationally.
- 27% of women are raped compared with 18% nationally, and 56% of women experience sexual assault other than rape, compared with 45% nationally.
- 66% of our children experience trauma in their homes.
- In 2019 Oregon had 89,451 reports of child abuse including 23 fatalities.

Community leaders have been working together over the past two years to co-locate child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault services in a single location, the Family Peace Center of Washington County, to provide increased access and an expansion of services to children and families in our community. This will be the first facility of its kind in Oregon, and we hope it is a model for other communities. A comprehensive project request summary is also attached.

Thank you for your consideration,

Senator Janeen Sollman-SD 15
Representative Courtney Neron-HD 26
Representative Dacia Grayber-HD 28
Representative Farrah Chaichi-HD 35