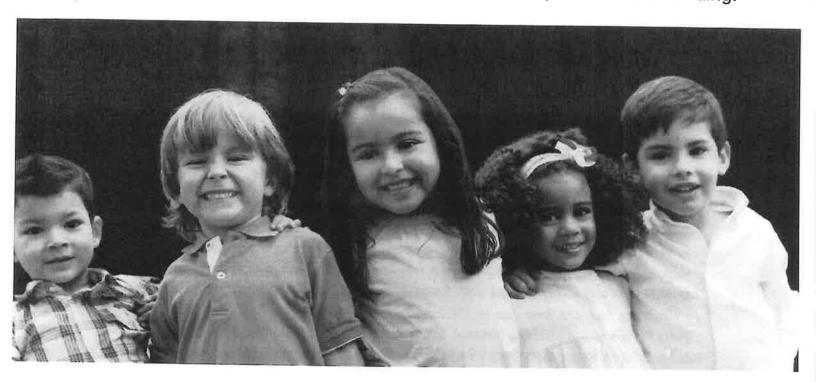
## **Yes on HB 4140**

From the Desk of Senator Janeen Sollman

HB 4140 will stabilize access to services and programs for victims of child abuse and domestic or sexual violence by clarifying that investments made by the 2021 and 2023 legislatures are considered current service level, not one-time funding.











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The 2021 and 2023 Legislatures have increased their allocations to these victim services providers. While these additional investments from the legislature are incredibly appreciated and have been put to good use, providers do struggle with the stability of the funding, which has been classified as "one-time".

It is challenging to ask staff to put down roots and provide services in our communities when the state funding that pays for their positions has to be renewed with great legislative effort every other year. HB 4140 solves this problem by clarifying that the 2021 and 2023 funding should be considered Current Service Level moving forward.

HB 4140 will provide stability for:

## **Children's Advocacy Centers**

- CAC of Lincoln County added a specially trained pediatrician to do medical exams one day per week (previously had no on-site medical exams).
- Children's Center (Clackamas) increased their medical providers, family support, and forensic interviewing staff-decreasing wait times for Karly's Law and urgent appointments. Expansion addressed a critical need for bicultural/bilingual clinic support staff to improve ability to work with Spanish-speaking families. They are now seeing ~100 more kids per year due to 2021-23 increased funding.
- Kids FIRST (Lane) hired a second, full-time medical provider, nearly doubling the number of children seen from 194 to 388 and hired a bilingual forensic interviewer.
- Wally's House (Curry) has launched a new therapy program with a full-time therapist.

## **Domestic Violence**

- Community-based programs funded by Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) and the Survivor Housing Fund (SHF) for survivors who face major barriers to seeking system-based solutions.
- Rural, frontier and BIPOC survivors who work in small communities to help with safety planning, shelter and advocacy in the hospital or courtroom.
- More than 60 community-based, culturally specific, and Tribal programs across the state of Oregon to provide confidential trauma-informed services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and human trafficking.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 4140 TO STABILIZE FUNDING FOR THESE CRITICAL SERVICES!