

Director Fariborz Pakseresht  
Oregon Department of Human Services  
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**Re: Child Welfare Notification of Rights Brochure**

Director Pakseresht:



Oregon's law enforcement community, represented here by the Oregon District Attorney's Association, the Oregon Associations of Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs Association, have a long-standing collaborative relationship with the Oregon Department of Human Services - especially your agency's Child Welfare Division.

As you know, Oregon law requires child abuse investigators (both child welfare and law enforcement) to collaborate and coordinate child abuse investigations through local multidisciplinary teams.<sup>1</sup> Thus, unlike almost all other safety investigations, a policy or action of one agency investigating child abuse can have a direct impact on the effectiveness of partner agencies.

During the current 2025 legislative session, SB 736 was introduced to (among other goals) address how, when, and what rights parents and guardians are provided during child welfare investigations.<sup>2</sup> In discussions around that legislation, we reviewed a Child Welfare brochure that DHS workers provide to parents and others during child abuse investigations.

We are requesting a time to meet with you and your staff to discuss the contents and other considerations regarding that brochure. We believe that the phraseology used, the timing of when the brochure is provided, and your agency's rules around notification can all have a direct impact on effective child abuse investigations.

We appreciate your agency's commitment to keeping Oregon's children safe while protecting the rights of all Oregonians. We share those goals. Because they are not mutually exclusive, we look forward to a collaborative conversation around the contents and rules regarding this brochure. Feel free to coordinate a time that works best for you through our Executive Director, Bryan Brock: [executivedirector@oregonda.org](mailto:executivedirector@oregonda.org). We are happy to make representatives of our Associations available at your convenience.

Cc: Rolanda Garcia, Interim Director Child Welfare  
Sen. Sara Gelser-Blouin, Chair  
Rep. Annessa Hartman, Chair

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<sup>1</sup> See e.g., ORS 418.747.

<sup>2</sup> <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB736/Introduced>