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Support Senate Bill 420
Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
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Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee

Thank you for considering this testimony in support of SB 420 and Healthy Families Oregon. Home visiting is an essential component of early support for children and families. Oregon is devoted to better coordination of the various home visiting programs and has made good progress. As an evidence-based strategy, HFO deserves your support in building an effective continuum of maternal and child health strategies.

Prevent Child Abuse Oregon is an approved chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America—the oldest and largest national nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. We would like to highlight that HFO is a program of Health Families America (HFA), which is a nationally recognized, evidence-based home visiting program operating in 38 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. HFA is the PCA America signature home visiting program and is the only program rated by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse that had research indicating effectiveness with children and families across all racial and ethnic groups.

Thank you for all you do - Vickie Fleming, Board of Directors, PCAO