



Support SB 1013

Expand children's advocacy services to Rural Marion County

Child abuse is the most critical and deadly public health emergency facing the State of Oregon. We will not be able to reverse the trend until sufficient funding is made available. We need help.



Liberty House is the Children's Advocacy Center for Marion and Polk Counties. Annually, we serve approx. 1,000 children, newborn to age 18.

Our essential work is comprehensive coordinated care bringing critical, lifesaving clinical and therapeutic help for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma, and grief.

\$5 million in *one-time funding* over the next two years:

- Bridge between the launch and full operational status of services at a new location in Woodburn to help underserved rural communities
- Double Liberty House's long-term capacity to provide clinical abuse evaluations
- Strengthen vitally important services for treating child abuse, neglect, trauma, and grief

Our statutorily required services (ORS 418.782) lack critical funding. We have a team of specially trained pediatricians and nurses, family support specialists, and forensic interviewers, as well as bilingual staff to meet the needs of our region. Public funding only covers 28% of our publicly mandated services. ***We will not turn away children referred to us for concerns of abuse, neglect, trauma, and grief.***

With our services, children thrive. Without them, children suffer.

As a result of our intentional work over the past 25 years, Liberty House has helped over 15,000 children. We appreciate the funding provided by the Oregon Legislature over the years! Our staff has made a difference in the lives of children and families when they are at a very vulnerable and traumatic moment in their lives. **Please support Liberty House and SB 1013!**