



March 18, 2025

**RE: Support for the Child Success Act (SB 1167)**

Dear Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to request your support of SB 1167, nicknamed the Child Success Act, which would fund seven regional demonstration sites around the state. Each site has developed a Child Success Model (CSM) that addresses the support needed during the first thousand days of life from conception to set a child up for long-term success.

Yamhill Community Care (YCCO) was one of the pilot sites that developed a local CSM which **builds upon the success of FamilyCore, a local program of more than 10 years** that ensures seamless access to home visiting and other family support services. The CSM takes FamilyCore to the next level by adding navigation services within YCCO's Early Learning Hub and its partner agencies. This includes home visiting partners, Oregon Department of Human Services, childcare, and medical providers. The decision to add navigators is in direct response to input from parents about the challenges they face accessing the services their children need to thrive within an overly complex system. The CSM also provides funds to develop family success plans, with small stipends designed to remove barriers to success and wellbeing. For example, funds could support putting tires on the family car to be able to safely travel to job interviews.

In 2024, more than 35% of referrals into FamilyCore cited isolation or lack of support. Social isolation is a key driver of postpartum depression, which can impact bonding and have long-term impacts on child development. It is also a strong risk factor for child maltreatment. According to an analysis of a 2018 CDC study, each victim of nonfatal child abuse costs our system over \$200,000 due to increased health care costs, productivity losses, and additional expenses in child welfare, criminal justice, and special education. Connecting parents to a support network and empowering them to create a plan for their own family success will result in **increased self-sufficiency, reduction in child maltreatment, and improved health for both mothers and children.**

I encourage you to support SB 1167. The long-term impacts of giving children a strong, supported start in life cannot be underestimated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer E. Laine".

Jennifer E. Laine  
Early Learning Director