

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

RE: Child Success Act (SB 1167)

Chair Reynolds and Members of the Committee,

As you well know, early experiences, good and bad, have a profound and lasting impact on brain development and life outcomes. Half of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) occur by age 3. Experiencing 4 or more ACEs is correlated with challenges later in life, such as substance abuse and behavioral health challenges.

Proven investments in prevention and early intervention are critical and effective at breaking unhealthy cycles.

These early interventions are the whole focus of the investments proposed in the Child Success Act (SB 1167). This legislation will invest in community-driven solutions across seven pilot communities to shift how families access vital resources, improve access to health care, and deepen community connections during pregnancy and a child's first 1000 days of life. A robust, coordinated, cross-sector approach creates alignment and ensures children and families receive seamless support throughout their early years – and that is exactly what these communities have been building. The seven pilot communities are:

- Marion-Polk Early Learning Hub
- Yamhill Community Care Early Learning Hub
- Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub
- Early Childhood Hub of Lane County
- The Birthing Village, led by Black Futures for Perinatal Health Collective
- Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties
- Southern Oregon Success & the Southern Oregon Early Learning Hub

Just as families have varied needs, communities must tailor solutions with families to meet their diverse needs and honor the complexity of their communities. **We urge your support for SB 1167 and the \$12 million requested investment.**

Sincerely,

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