



Oregon Alliance

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On behalf of the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs, I am writing to express strong support for ODHS Budget (SB 5526) Policy Option Package (POP) 112 requesting funds to PREVENT children from being placed in Foster Care.

ODHS is requesting \$7 million in this POP. These state funds will be matched 1:1 by the federal government for an overall investment of \$14 million. The federal match is organized under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), a transformative piece of bipartisan legislation that improves the lives of children and families across the country.

FFPSA restructures federal funding to prioritize prevention services—such as in-home parenting programs, mental health care, and substance use treatment—allowing families to access critical resources before foster care placement becomes necessary. This shift represents a long-overdue investment in family preservation, recognizing that children do best when raised in stable, loving environments. Additionally, FFPSA promotes family-based placements over institutional settings, ensuring that foster care remains a temporary and supportive solution rather than a long-term disruption to a child's life.

With nearly half a million children in foster care today across the country and an increasing number of families affected by the opioid crisis, the need for comprehensive, evidence-based support is more urgent than ever.

It is essential that federal and state agencies work together to maximize a prevention focused impact. I urge you to support Policy Option Package (POP) 112 requesting funds to prevent children from being placed in Foster Care within ODHS's budget (SB 5526).

Thank you for your consideration, leadership, and commitment to improving child welfare prevention services.

Sincerely,

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