



# Family Building Blocks

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND FAMILIES TOGETHER



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To: Ways & Means Committee  
From: Patrice Altenhofen, Executive Director  
RE: **Letter of Support for HB 3933**



Family Building Blocks (“FBB”) is a child abuse prevention organization with locations serving families with small children across Marion and Polk counties. We operate six Relief Nurseries, along with the region’s Healthy Families program, and an Early Head Start program.

FBB dreams of a world where every parent has what it takes to give their child the best chance to live their happiest, healthiest, most fulfilling lives. We are grateful for the Legislature’s long-term investments in Relief Nurseries and firmly support [HB 3933](#) for Relief Nurseries across the state.



Relief Nurseries provide a critical lifeline to families facing overwhelming life circumstances. Families reach out voluntarily for support in being the best parents they can be to their children.

This is a time of extreme uncertainty facing non-profits serving young children. We rely on a delicate mix of funding from federal, state, and private sources. We maximize these dollars to reach as many children as possible. With the news that the federal government may be moving to eliminate Head Start programs, our state MUST provide stability for young children and their families. This bill does just that.



If we lose our Early Head Start program, 90 children and their families will lose access to services. We must build capacity in Oregon to serve children in our state-funded programs, like Relief Nurseries which are uniquely Oregon, meeting the needs of the youngest Oregonians.

Children cannot wait. We must not let them down.