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CHILDREN’S JUSTICE ACT
THREE-YEAR ASSESSMENT
and
GRANT APPLICATION

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May 28, 2015

Mark Greenberg
Acting Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth & Families (ACYF)
1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W., 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Acting Commissioner Greenberg:

This letter confirms that Oregon remains in compliance with federal law to continue to receive grant funding under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. Oregon hereby certifies:

1) Oregon received $214,067 under the FY 2014 child abuse and neglect Basic State Grant and continues to comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 106(b) of the Act; and

2) Oregon has maintained a State multidisciplinary Task Force on children’s justice; and

3) Oregon has adopted and continues to progress in adopting recommendations of the State Task Force; and

4) Oregon will make such reports to the Secretary as may reasonably be required, including this Three-Year Report providing information on how assistance received through this program was expended in Oregon, with particular attention to the areas of paragraphs (1) through (3) of Section 107(a); and

5) Oregon will participate in at least one Federally initiated CJA meeting each year the grant is in effect and understand that we are authorized to use grant funds to cover travel and per diem expenses for two CJA representatives to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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I. Oregon’s Children’s Justice Act Task Force

The State of Oregon Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Task Force Three-Year Assessment is a comprehensive evaluation of the handling of child abuse, neglect, and commercial exploitation cases throughout a variety of child protective, investigative, and judicial systems. This report reflects the work of the Task Force and their efforts to identify problems in the current system’s response, and to make recommendations to combat those inadequacies in the response to crimes involving children. Members of the CJA Task Force members and members of the Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC) were involved in the drafting of the report.

A. History

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has a very engaged and high functioning Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Task Force. Established in 1987, the CJA has gone through several organizational changes, but has maintained a diverse multi-disciplinary membership in compliance with federal guidelines.

As the CJA Task Force evolved, the resulting projects and recommendations for system change became increasingly complex. This increased the time and attention for the CJA Task Force members and DHS staff. Even with the increased workload, this model worked well until the State experienced staffing reductions due to the economic downturn. This required DHS to consolidate existing resources wherever possible. As a result, effective January 2011, the statutorily created DHS Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC) assumed official oversight and acts as the CJA Task Force. There is now a subcommittee, operating like a steering committee for the larger group and responsible for the hands on operation of the Task Force, that reviews and approves grant applications, makes daily budget decisions, and proposes grant priorities. CWAC continues to serve as the governing body that oversees the activities of the subcommittee.

With one exception, members of either CWAC or CJA fill the 14 positions specified in the Program Instructions. Members understand their responsibility to represent the knowledge and interests of their CJA membership category. These two entities continue to provide a broad perspective and direct access to leading child welfare policy makers in Oregon.
B. Membership

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<td>Chief Jerry Moore</td>
<td>Chief of Police City of Salem Police Department</td>
<td>Law Enforcement Community</td>
<td><strong>Experience:</strong> Police Chief, responsible for all Salem, OR, divisions, incl. Investigations, Drugs and Vice, and Patrol; Police Department, Dallas, OR. <strong>Education:</strong> Oregon College of Education (now WOSC), the FBI National Academy, and Oregon Executive Development Institute. <strong>Other:</strong> Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police; International Association of Chiefs of Police; FBI National Academy Associates; Board Member, Family Building Blocks; Governor’s Re-Entry Task Force; Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council.</td>
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<td>Sergeant Michael Bennett</td>
<td>Administrative Sergeant, City of Salem Police Department</td>
<td>Law Enforcement Community</td>
<td><strong>Experience:</strong> Major Crimes Investigator, Whitehouse, TX Police Department; Criminal Investigation Division Sergeant, Whitehouse, TX Police Department; Sex Crimes Detective, Drug Activity Response Team Detective, Person Crimes, Section Sergeant, City of Salem Police Department, Salem, OR. (Seventeen years police experience – 10 years’ experience as a Detective, 6 years as a Sergeant.) <strong>Education:</strong> B.S., Criminal Justice, Ottawa University. <strong>Other:</strong> Child Advocacy Center, Tyler, TX; TECLOSE and DPSST Certifications; coaching Various Youth Sports; work with children in agriculture.</td>
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<td>Honorable Tracy Prall</td>
<td>Circuit Court Judge, Marion County</td>
<td>Civil and Civil Court Judge</td>
<td>Presides over civil, criminal, domestic relations and termination of parental rights cases. <strong>Experience:</strong> Pro Tem Judge, Marion County; private practice attorney; Deputy District Attorney, Marion County; Special Assistant United States Attorney General. <strong>Education:</strong> B.A., Western Oregon State University; JD, Willamette University College of Law. <strong>Other:</strong> Marion County Children and Families Commission, National Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Oregon Trial Advocacy College, Marion County Bar Association, Mid-Willamette Valley Inns of Court, Rotary Youth Exchange Committee.</td>
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| **Tim O'Donnell**  
(CJAC Chair) | Deputy District Attorney, Marion County | Prosecuting Attorney | **Experience:** Oregon Administrative Law Judge; Disability Analyst, Social Security Disability Determinations Services.  
**Education:** B.A., Willamette University; J.D., Willamette University College of Law.  
**Other:** Oregon State Bar; Oregon State Bar Juvenile Law Executive Committee. |  |
| **Carrie Rasmussen**  
(CJA Chair) | Deputy District Attorney, Hood River County | Prosecuting Attorney | **Experience:** Deputy District Attorney, Marion County, Oregon; Assistant City Attorney, City of St. Helens, Oregon.  
**Education:** B.S., Portland State University; J.D, University of Oregon.  
**Other:** Chair, Columbia Gorge Children’s Advocacy Center; Oregon State Bar, Juvenile Law Executive Committee. |  |
| **Angela Sherbo**  
(Supervising Attorney) | Supervising Attorney Youth, Rights and Justice (nonprofit law firm) | Defense Attorney | **Experience:** Legal representation for parents, foster parents and children in state and federal court, in Massachusetts, Kentucky, and Oregon, including Multnomah County Legal Aid Service and Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky.  
**Education:** B.A., University of Michigan; J.D., Northeastern University |  |
| **Wenonoa Spivak**  
(Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Jackson County) | Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Jackson County | Court Appointed Special Advocate Representative (CASA) | **Experience:** Director of Programs & Education, CASA of Jackson County; ESL Instructor, University of Cincinnati and College of Micronesia; Latino Community Outreach, Willamette Valley Hospice.  
**Education:** B.S., Community Health, Western Washington University; M.A., Education, Northern Arizona University; PhD (ABD), Education, University of Cincinnati  
**Other:** Medford Multicultural Commission; Salem Social Services Advisory Board. |  |
| **Cindy Burlingame**  
(Juvenile Department Director, Wheeler County) | Juvenile Department Director, Wheeler County | Court Appointed Special Advocate Representative (CASA) | **Experience:** Director/Probation Officer/CASA Program Director, Wheeler County Juvenile Dept.  
**Education:** Eastern Oregon University  
**Other:** Fossil Pre-School Parent Board; Wheeler County Early Childhood Team; CASA Volunteer; Wheeler County Commission on Children and Families; Lifespan Respite Care Advisory. |  |
| **Dr. Sherri Alderman, MD**  
(Child Development Coordinator, Oregon Health Authority) | Child Development Coordinator, Oregon Health Authority | Medical Professional | **Experience:** Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician, Children’s Developmental Health Institute, Portland; Medical Director, Screening Tools and Referral Training (START), Oregon Pediatric Society; Affiliate Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Oregon Health & Sciences University; Clinical Staff Physician, Pediatrics, University of New Mexico School of Medicine.  
**Education:** B.A. Human Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence; M.D., University of Wisconsin |  |
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<td>Mike Maryanov</td>
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<td>Medical School; M.A., Public Health, University of New Mexico School of Medicine. Other: Member, American Board of Pediatrics.</td>
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<td>Indian Child Welfare Supervisor, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde</td>
<td>Experience: Indian Child Welfare Caseworker, Grand Ronde Tribe, Oregon; ICW Unit Supervisor, Grand Ronde ICW Program. Education: B.S., Human Development and Family Services, Oregon State University. Other: Co-Chair of the DHS Indian Child Welfare Advisory Committee; Tribal Representative for the Native American Advisory Committee for the Oregon Youth Authority; Board Member for the Indian Child and Family Resource Center.</td>
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<td>Debbie Kraus-Dorn</td>
<td>Children's Residential Manager, Office of Developmental Disabilities, Oregon Department of Human Services</td>
<td>Experience: Adolescent Program Director / Associate Research Professor, Western Oregon University; Director of Adolescent Programs, Teaching Research Institute (TRI), Western Oregon University; Crisis Diversion Specialist, DHS Child Welfare/ Office of Developmental Disabilities, Oregon DHS; Behavioral Intake Specialist, Children's Intensive In-Home Services, Office of Developmental Disabilities, Oregon DHS. Education: B.A., Sociology, Oregon State University. Other: Boys and Girls Aid Society.</td>
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<td>Lisa McMahon</td>
<td>Program Director, Oregon Foster Youth Connection</td>
<td>Experience: Research Associate/Study Manager – “My Life” self-determination of youth in foster care, Portland State University; Senior Research Assistant – youth with disabilities; Oregon Health &amp; Science University; Special Education Teacher. Education: B.S. Special Education, Physically or Otherwise Health Impaired; Eastern Michigan University.</td>
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| **Leah Hall** | Parent Mentor/Court Liaison Morrison Children and Family Services | **Parent**<br>**Experience:** Parent Mentor and Court Liaison for mothers going through child welfare and criminal justice systems; previous client of DHS; gives presentations to community partners, lawyers, and judges on how to effectively engage parents affected by addiction.  
**Education:** Completing Bachelor’s degree.  
**Other:** Multnomah County Child Welfare Advisory Group; State Child Welfare Council; CAPTA Citizen Review Panel – Multnomah County; DHS Parent Mentor Program Trainer; Recipient of the 2010 Skidmore Prize, awarded to young people who do great work for non-profit organizations. |
| **Shary Mason** | Model Court and Training Analyst, Juvenile Court Program, Oregon Judicial Department | Parent  
**Experience:** Deputy Administrator, Program Manager and Community Outreach and Training Manager, Citizen Review Board.  
**Education:** B.S., Psychology and Social Studies; University of Oregon.  
**Other:** Shary and her husband are former foster parents, adopted their 17 year old daughter and former niece through DHS, and are legal guardians of their 15 year-old grandson. Differential Response Implementation Team, DHS; Safe and Equitable Reduction of Children in Foster Care (SEFCR) Project, State Core; Tillamook County, OR, CASA Program; Tillamook County Commission on Children and Families; Tillamook County Citizen Review Board; Citizen Review Board State Advisory Council; Teen Parent Program, Tillamook Bay Community College. |
| **Don Darland** | Board Member / Treasurer, Oregon Foster Parent Association | Parent Group Representative  
**Experience:** United States Marine Corps – Infantry Officer, Chaplain with Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America;  
**Education:** B.S., American Studies, Oregon State University.  
**Other:** Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America; Linn County Victims Assessment Center – ABC House Board; Linn County Commission on Children & Families; Western Region Foster Parent Advisory Board; Linn County Foster Parents Association; Oregon Foster Parent Association; Oregon Child Welfare Advisory Committee; Oregon Foster Care Safety Team. |
| **Ruth Taylor** | Executive Director, Parents Anonymous® of Oregon | Parent Group Representative  
**Experience:** Personnel Manager/ Recruiter; Program Director, CONCERN – Irish International Relief Organization, Dublin, Ireland, and Bangladesh; Gordon Holmes, District Attorney, Limerick, Ireland. |
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<td>Executive Director, Boys and Girls Aid (private adoption agency)</td>
<td>Work with Homeless Children and Youths&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Experience: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, Portland State University; Manager, Mental and Emotional Disability Services, Multnomah County, Oregon; Executive Director, Vermilion County Mental Health Board, Vermillion County, Illinois; Supervisor/Social Worker, State of Illinois, Department of Children &amp; Family Services.&lt;br&gt;Education: B.A., Psychology; Master’s Degree, Social Work, PhD, Public Administration.&lt;br&gt;Other: Portland Citizens Crime Commission; Commission on Children and Families.</td>
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### ADDITIONAL BENEFICIAL MEMBERS (alphabetical)

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<td>Child Advocate</td>
<td>Experience: Director, Citizen Review Boards; Juvenile Court Policy/Program Analyst; Juvenile Court Project Manager for Oregon’s Juvenile Integrated Network; Assistant Division Director and Acting Director for Court Programs and Services Division, Office of the State Court Administrator; Counselor/Advocate for Juvenile Delinquency Diversion; Secondary Teacher.&lt;br&gt;Education: B.A., English and Secondary Education, Nazareth College; MPA, Portland State University.&lt;br&gt;Other: Adoptive parent of two special needs children from the foster care system.</td>
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<td><strong>Iris Bell</strong>&lt;br&gt;Executive Director, Oregon Youth Development Council</td>
<td>Child Advocate</td>
<td>Experience: Interim Transition Director and Deputy Director, Oregon Commission on Children and Families; Chief Operating Officer, Multnomah County, OR; Deputy Director, Department of Community and Family Services, Multnomah County, OR.&lt;br&gt;Education: B.A., Political Science, UC Santa Barbara; M.A., Government, Claremont Graduate University</td>
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<td><strong>Cindy Burlingame</strong>&lt;br&gt;Juvenile Department Director, Wheeler County, OR</td>
<td>Child Advocate</td>
<td>Experience: Director/Probation Officer/CASA Program Director, Wheeler County Juvenile Department.&lt;br&gt;Education: Eastern Oregon University&lt;br&gt;Other: Fossil Pre-School Parent Board; Wheeler County Early Childhood Team; CASA Volunteer; Wheeler County Commission on Children and Families; Lifespan Respite Care Advisory.</td>
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| Alison Kelley      | CEO, Liberty House, Salem (CAIC)                                          | **Experience:** Chief Executive Officer of Liberty House; Adjunct Associate Professor, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government of Portland State University; Director, Marion County Community Services Department & Marion County Children and Families Commission; private practice attorney; law school mentor.  
**Education:** B.A., History/Political Science, Willamette University; J.D. / Certificate in Dispute Resolution, Willamette University College of Law.  
**Other:** Oregon State Bar Association |                                                                                                              |
| Christine Kirk     | Public Policy and Government Relations, Oregon Youth Authority             | **Experience:** Public Affairs Manager, City of Lake Oswego, OR; Director, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Multnomah County, OR; Public Safety Coordinator, Multnomah County District Attorney; Crime Prevention Specialist, City of Albany, OR.  
**Education:** B.S, Planning, Public Policy & Management, University of Oregon; M.A., Urban Studies, Portland State University. |                                                                                                              |
| Robin Reimer       | Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Fund Coordinator        | **Experience:** Fund Coordinator, Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Fund, Oregon Department of Justice; Safer Futures Fund Coordinator, DOJ; Crime Victim’s Services Compensation Claims Examiner, DOJ; Disability Benefits Analyst, The Standard; Advocate, Portland Women’s Crisis Line.  
**Education:** B.A., International Affairs; Lewis and Clark College; J.D., Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College.  
**Other:** Statewide Child Fatality Review Team; Oregon State Bar |                                                                                                              |
| Pam Patton         | President, Coalition of Advocates for Equal Access for Girls, Portland    | **Experience:** Day Treatment Program, Edgefield Children’s Center; Clackamas County Mental Health Program; Morrison Child and Family Services; Girls and Young Women At-Risk.  
**Education:** B.A., Sociology, California State University at Northridge; Master’s Degree, Counseling, Lewis & Clark College. |                                                                                                              |

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*Vacancies: The Department of Human Services is actively recruiting an additional judge, however the current representative does preside over both civil and criminal cases. The goal is to have this position filled by September 2015.*
C. Organization and Operation

The Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC) / CJA Task Force meets every other month, with a standing agenda item to review the CJA subcommittee’s activities, grants given, and federal reporting. The CJA Subcommittee meets monthly to discuss grant applications, identify potential projects that would be eligible for grants, develop strategies for child abuse intervention, and review progress reports from grantees. These meetings provide an opportunity for gathering information from across the state and networking among state and local stakeholders. Standing meeting agenda items include: new requests for funding, presentations or discussions with potential grant applicants, budget/financial reports, review of the progress of currently funded projects, and progress on meeting federal and state funding priorities. In addition, members review and comment on annual reporting/application and three-year assessment reports.

A CJA Grant Manager and CJA Grant Coordinator, both staff of the Department of Human Services, administer the Task Force activities, including: managing membership; preparing meeting agendas, materials, and minutes; developing and monitoring compliance with grant agreements; tracking the CJA budget, and processing grant invoices. Staff draft, and submit the Annual and Three-Year assessments and applications with review and editing by the CJA Subcommittee members. Staff maintains the CJA and CWAC websites. Staff also coordinates the CAPTA program and reporting for Oregon.
II. Grants Awarded During 2014 – 2015

A. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children – Data Collection/Assessment & Community Multidisciplinary Response  
(Portland State University)

Grant Award: $35,441  
Oregon Priority: Sex Abuse  
Federal priorities: Investigative, administrative and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse exploitation.

This grant provided funding for two projects. One portion was to develop and implement a standardized method for data collection (in the Stata analytics program) and outcomes-based assessment of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) cases in Multnomah County. There is currently no systematic recording or analysis of information regarding predisposing risk factors (i.e. foster care, runaway, mental health, substance use, juvenile justice involvement). The same is true for protective factors. Standardizing data collection will allow for a more comprehensive understanding of the influences that may harm or protect child victims. This project will be available as a statewide model for collecting information outside the criminal justice system. The second part of the project was development of a community multi-disciplinary collaborative response to the commercial exploitation of children (CSEC) in Hood River County and surrounding areas. This includes identifying, convening, and training community partners to use techniques to recognize and respond to CSEC. This part of the project will also develop an ongoing CSEC taskforce and identify needed system changes.

B. Juvenile Law Training Academy  
(Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association)

Grant Award: $2,000  
Oregon Priorities: Domestic Violence, Sex Abuse, and Court Procedures  
Federal Priorities: Assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect, investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect

This grant provided financial support for costs associated with David Mandel’s participation at the Juvenile Law Training Academy. Mandel developed the Safe and Together model to improve case practice and cross-system collaboration in domestic violence cases involving children. He focused on improving response to domestic violence in dependency cases, with a focus on identifying domestic violence perpetrator patterns and their impact on effective representation.

The Juvenile Law Training Academy (JLTA) is an annual multidisciplinary conference for juvenile dependency practitioners aimed at improving the quality of representation in juvenile dependency cases. High quality representation helps protect children from abuse and neglect by ensuring that both the children’s and families’ needs are met, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements, and providing necessary information to the court to promote appropriate permanent placements.
Current members of the JLTA workgroup include: the Juvenile Court Improvement Program, the Office of Public Defense Services, the University of Oregon Law School, Youth, Rights & Justice, the Juvenile Law Section of the Oregon State Bar, the Oregon Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, the Department of Justice, the Department of Human Services, and CASA. The training offered practical tips for attorneys including: assessing risk in cases where parents have a sex abuse history, identifying domestic violence perpetrator patterns and effective representation, understanding the special needs of unaccompanied immigrant and refugee minors, balancing laws and policies related to returning children to parents, representing clients with diminished capacity, and assisting clients with diminished capacity as they age out of DHS custody. Nearly 200 attended the training on October 20 and 21, 2014.

C. Clackamas County Specialist Sex Offender Interviewer Training
(Sherriff’s Office)

Grant Award: $63,000
Oregon Priority: Sex Abuse
Federal Priorities: Assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect, investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect

This grant helped fund a five-day, 40-hour specialist interviewer course designed to enhance the skills and knowledge base of professionals who interview child sex offenders in the course of law enforcement investigations, perform child protection evaluations, and perform risk assessments and/or management of offenders. Dr. Joe Sullivan, an Irish forensic psychologist widely regarded as an expert in this field, provided the training. It included information on: the degree to which criminal records reflect a perpetrators pattern of sexual offending; identifying common characteristics of offending behavior; how to plan for more effective offender interviews and meetings; using behavioral analysis tools to improve risk assessments; understanding the key features and issues related to women who sexually offend; applying the Sullivan behavior analysis tool (S-BAT); and using the Projected Personalities Matrix (PPM). Over 110 people attended the training on October 27 – 31, 2014.

(Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers - ONCAIC)

Grant Award: $100,000 (two grants of $50,000 each)
Oregon Priorities: Sex Abuse and Karly’s Law
Federal priority: Assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse

Forensic Interview Training Calendar - 2015

These grants funded a contract with the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, an organization that represents the twenty-one (21) Oregon Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAICs), organizations that work in partnership with child protective services, law enforcement and other medical and mental health providers to provide services in a neutral, child-focused environment. The Oregon Department of Justice requires this training in order to receive funding from the Child Abuse
Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Program. The National Children’s Alliance has approved this training; therefore, it meets national standards for training forensic interviewers.

The 2014–2015 grant funded three (3) trainings held across the state, serving 85 child protection workers (43% of attendees), law enforcement representatives (41%), and forensic interviewers for CAICs (15%). ONCAIC will use the 2015–2016 grant to provide additional training across the state. Since the trainings started in 2013, 232 professionals have completed the training.

The training requires reading of materials provided prior to attendance and a posttest to determine knowledge acquisition. The project created model outreach and application materials, as well documentation about the processes used to develop and implement the training.

E. 2015 Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit
(Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office)

Grant Award: $30,000
Oregon Priorities: Domestic Violence, Sex Abuse, and Karly’s Law
Federal Priorities: Assessment and investigation of child abuse, investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect

2015 Summit Program

This grant supports the annual Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit. The Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office Child Abuse Team and the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) have jointly hosted this Summit for 16 years. This is a three-and-a-half day, multidisciplinary training for professionals working in the areas of investigations, interviewing, assessment, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence. The 2015 Summit was held April 21st – 24th. (Information about attendance and outcomes will be included in Oregon’s 2015 Report and Application.)

Staff and volunteers measure the success of the Summit through attendee evaluations that concentrate on how participants will be able to use the tools and information they learned in their current roles, how effective the instruction was, whether the presenter was a subject matter expert, and includes input on desired future training needs.

The Summit strives to provide the latest technologically advanced training in the field of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and domestic violence. There is also value in its ability to bring all the disciplines involved in the investigation, education, treatment, research, protective service professions together, and to collaborate with one another on the issues of child abuse and domestic violence. The Summit offered over 100 multi-disciplinary sessions.
III. Oregon CJA Three-Year Assessment

This Assessment and Application document that the Task Force has comprehensively:

(a) reviewed and evaluated State investigative, administrative and both civil and criminal judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal; and

(b) made policy and training recommendations in each category described in Section 107(e) of the Act.

Oregon law defines a “child” or “juvenile” as an individual under 21 years of age. “Abuse” of a child is defined as (ORS 419B.005):

(A) Assault of a child and any physical injury to a child which has been caused by other than accidental means, including any injury which appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.

(B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only observable and substantial impairment of the child’s mental or psychological ability to function caused by cruelty to the child, with due regard to the culture of the child.

(C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and incest.

(D) Sexual abuse.

(E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:

(i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor and any other conduct which allows, employs, authorizes, permits, induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to observe or the photographing, filming, tape recording or other exhibition which, in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, sexual abuse involving a child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct which is part of any investigation or which is designed to serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and

(ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in prostitution or a commercial sex act, to purchase sex with a minor, or to patronize a prostitute.

(F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.

(G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or welfare.

(H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age.

(I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.

(J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child’s health or safety.

The Legislature’s policy is that it is necessary, and in the public interest, to require mandatory reports and investigations of abuse of children and to encourage voluntary reports for the purpose of facilitating the use of protective social services to prevent further abuse, safeguard and enhance the welfare of abused children, and preserve family life when consistent with the protection of the child by stabilizing the family and improving parental
capacity.

**Improvements** - The Task Force found the following system improvements since the last assessment.

1) There are increased services and support for homeless and runaway youth.

2) Implementation of a Foster Child Bill of Rights and a Foster Youth Ombudsman working in the Governor’s Advocacy Office.

3) Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect have decreased 13.6% over the last three years.

4) Fatalities related to child abuse or neglect by a parent, relative, or caregiver decreased by 47% from 2011.

5) Incidents of child abuse or neglect related to sexual abuse declined by 5.0% during the assessment period.

**METHODS OF ASSESSMENT**

**A. Review, Evaluation, and Analysis of Federal CJA Funding Priorities**

The following chart represents how the CJA grants awarded during the 2012 – 2015 Assessment Period reflect the federal CJA priorities.

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<tr>
<th>Federal CJA Priorities</th>
<th>Oregon Grant Projects Meeting Federal Priorities</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grants to develop, establish, and operate programs designed to improve:</td>
<td>• Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training (OCFIT) – Phase 1, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 (Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers - CAIC. Trainings across the state for the past four years for law enforcement, protective service workers, medical professionals, and CAIC interviewers.)</td>
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<td>A. activities to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused.</td>
<td>• Karly’s Law Training Video (Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers - CAIC. Development of a training video, with post-test, to explain the key elements of this Oregon law and its requirements for first responders; trained multidisciplinary team members, investigators and lay medical providers in each Oregon county.)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Child Fatality Review (Oregon Health Authority. Statewide training of each local child death review team to help improve the accuracy of data and, as a result, improve the assessment of alleged child abuse fatalities.)</td>
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<td>support of experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action including enhancement of performance of court appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure procedural fairness to the accused.</td>
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<td>C.</td>
<td>reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children, which may include those children involved in reports of child abuse or neglect with a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, from child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.</td>
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- **2015 Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit** *(Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office. Multidisciplinary conference for professionals working in investigations, interviewing, assessment, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence.)*

- **Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2013** *(Boys and Girls Aid. Training for adoptive and foster parents, attorneys, judges, CASA, CRB members, Department of Human Services’ caseworkers, Oregon Youth Authority staff, educators, mental health therapists and social workers. Parents and professionals from across Oregon attend this annual conference.)*

- **Facilitating Effective Child and Youth Participation in the Juvenile Court Process** *(Youth, Rights & Justice. Development of training on facilitating effective participation in Juvenile Court proceedings.)*

- **Juvenile Law Training Academy** *(Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. A multidisciplinary conference for juvenile dependency practitioners aimed at improving the quality of representation in juvenile dependency cases.)*

- **Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2014** *(Children’s Trust Fund of Oregon. Training for adoptive and foster parents, attorneys, judges, CASA, CRB members, Department of Human Services’ caseworkers, Oregon Youth Authority staff, educators, mental health therapists and social workers. Parents and professionals from across Oregon attend this annual conference.)*

- **2015 Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit** *(Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office. A multidisciplinary training for professionals working in the areas of investigations, interviewing, assessment, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence.)*


- **Oregon Karly’s Law Training Video** *(Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers – CAIC. Video training and post-test on the Oregon law that reformed child abuse investigation standards and procedures in the state of Oregon with specific statutory requirements on law enforcement, Department of Human Services (DHS) employees, and designated medical providers to assess injuries that may have been caused by child physical abuse.)*
It is also valuable to review how grants awarded during the 2012 – 2015 Assessment Period reflected the Oregon priorities.

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<tr>
<th>Oregon’s 2012-2015 CJA Funding Priorities</th>
<th>Grant Projects Meeting the Priority</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Domestic Violence</strong></td>
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| Develop multi-disciplinary training and support projects that address domestic violence cases where children are involved, and evaluate their effectiveness. | • Domestic Violence & the Child Witness: A Comprehensive System Response to our Most Vulnerable Victims  
• Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2013  
• Mandel Safe & Together® Training Juvenile Law Training Academy  
• Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2014  
• 2015 Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit |
| **Sex Abuse**                            |                                   |
| Standardize forensic interview protocols and provide initial and ongoing training to child interviewers. | • Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2013  
• Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2014  
• Juvenile Law Training Academy  
• Child Sex Offender Interviewer Training (Dr. Joe Sullivan)  
• Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training (OCFIT) Pilot Training  
• OCFIT Training - Phase 1  
• OCFIT 2013-2014  
• OCFIT 2014-2015  
• OCFIT 2015-2016  
• Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children  
• 2015 Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit |
| **Bias**                                 |                                   |
| Provide multi-disciplinary training to mitigate bias in decision-making in the child welfare system. | • Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2013  
• Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2014  
• 2014 ICWA Conference |
| **Court Procedures**                     |                                   |
| Provide training and support projects that facilitate effective participation in the juvenile court process. | • Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2013  
• Shoulder to Shoulder Conference 2014  
• Juvenile Law Training Academy  
• Facilitating Effective Child and Youth Participation in the Juvenile Court Process  
• 2015 Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit |
| **Karly’s Law**                          |                                   |
| Develop and distribute multi-disciplinary training on Karly’s Law. | • Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training (OCFIT) Pilot Training  
• OCFIT Training - Phase 1 |
**B. Budget and Expenditures for the Assessment Period**

During this three-year period, Oregon received a total of $641,306 in grant funds from the Children’s Bureau in FFY 2012, FFY 2013, and FFY 2014. As of the date of this report, the Task Force has obligated all FFY 2013 funds and has $184,067 remaining of the FFY 2014 funds. These remaining FFY 2014 funds will be obligated before September 30, 2016. The following projects received funding during the Assessment period:

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<th>Project</th>
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<tr>
<td>Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training Pilot 2013 (OCFIT)</td>
<td>Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAIC)</td>
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<td>Karly’s Law Training Video</td>
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<td><em>Safe and Together© Oregon Initiative</em></td>
<td>David Mandel &amp; Associates</td>
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<td>Effectively Working with Relatives of Dependent Children</td>
<td>Portland State University</td>
<td>$41,545</td>
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<td>2013 Shoulder to Shoulder Conference: “Strengthening Children and Families&quot;</td>
<td>Boys and Girls Aid</td>
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<td>Child Fatality Reviews</td>
<td>Oregon Health Authority</td>
<td>$21,692</td>
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<td>Facilitating Effective Child and Youth Participation in the Juvenile Court Process</td>
<td>Youth Rights Justice Attorneys</td>
<td>$5,900</td>
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<td>Oregon Forensic Interviewer Training (OCFIT) Training 2013-2014 (Phase 2)</td>
<td>Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAIC)</td>
<td>$68,732</td>
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<td>Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)</td>
<td>Portland State University</td>
<td>$35,441</td>
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<td>Child Sex Offender Specialist Interviewer Training – Dr. Joe Sullivan</td>
<td>Clackamas County Sherriff's Office</td>
<td>$63,000</td>
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<td>2014 Shoulder to Shoulder Conference</td>
<td>Children’s Trust Fund of Oregon</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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<td>2014 Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Conference</td>
<td>DHS - Tribal Affairs Unit</td>
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<td>Juvenile Law Training Academy</td>
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<td>Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office</td>
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C. System Improvements

Along with state general funds, federal grants, and partnerships with non-profit agencies, Oregon uses CJA funds to improve the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect. Some of these that are most directly attributable to CJA include:

CJA has funded projects aimed at reducing trauma of initial out-of-home placement and investigation since 2006. Grant were awarded in 2007, 2008, and 2009, as well as a 2010 research project, summit, and development of training for multidisciplinary audiences on “Trauma Informed Practice Strategies (TIPS) for Reducing Trauma to Children during Child Abuse Investigations.” The principles of Trauma Informed Care are now incorporated into the standard training and operations of partners across many systems serving children and families within Oregon. Routine training for all members of the DHS child welfare system has incorporated this guidance and there is now a Regional Research Institute for Human Services at Portland State University.

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers has received five CJA grants, over five years, to create a standardized statewide curriculum for forensic interviewers and provide ongoing competency based training that enhances the validity and consistency of child forensic interviews.

In 2012, the State CFR Team (Public Health, Child Welfare, and Medical Examiner’s Office) approached the National Center for Child Death Review and Prevention seeking to allow Oregon to join the national data collection system currently implemented in 37 states. As of January 1, 2014, the online system replaced the previous paper system that county multidisciplinary teams and child fatality review teams had been using. In addition, Oregon was able to add specific questions related to Karly’s Law requirements (Oregon Revised Statute 419B.022-419B.024, mandating that children in Oregon who exhibit suspicious physical injuries in the course of a child abuse investigation must receive medical attention within 48 hours). A CJA grant to the Oregon Health Authority provided training to the 34 CDR teams on the use of the system, technical support, and in-house staff to manage the data. This enhanced data gathering now allows local MDT teams access to their county level data and begin providing process reports and trend data.

D. Incorporating Recommendations into Future CJA Distributions

The CJA Task Force is continually looking to improve the long-term benefits and effects of the grants they award. As part of this effort, grant recipients are being asked to include policy and training recommendations in their final report. This will allow the Task Force to analyze
such information to identify projects for funding and improve tracking of system changes that result from grant-funded projects.

In addition, the Task Force will be considering methods to rate proposals based on their adherence to, and implementation of, the federal and state CJA priorities. This will allow the Task Force to develop and support projects, activities, and training that allow CJA to collaborate with other stakeholders, address the Oregon 2015-2018 Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), continue to address sexual exploitation and human trafficking.
Oregon’s Three-Year Assessment consisted of two primary activities – an online survey and review of resources, including relevant reports, data, and legislation.

E. Stakeholder Assessment / Survey

[Link to PowerPoint of the CJA Survey Instrument]

For previous Oregon Three-Year Assessments, CJA has used a variety of methods for evaluative purposes and in developing priorities for future funding, including subcommittees, moderated focus groups, and surveys. For this report, the CJA Task Force determined that surveying a broad group of stakeholders would provide important insight from across the state from professionals with expertise in the assessment, investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases. On November 12, 2014, the Task Force reviewed and edited a draft survey prepared by CJA staff. This discussion finalized revisions, as well as the final survey invitation message. In order to encourage high participation and complete responses, there were only eleven distinct questions in the survey.

CJA staff enlisted the assistance of staff with the Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Business Intelligence, to format, administer, and distribute the survey link to identified stakeholders. In addition, CJA staff worked with a variety of stakeholder groups to distribute the survey directly to their membership.

More than 2,100 potential respondents received an invitation to complete the CJA survey. A comprehensive list of professionals representing the following disciplines were included:

- City and County Law Enforcement,
- District Attorneys and Deputy District Attorneys,
- Juvenile Court,
- Juvenile Law Section of the Oregon State Bar,
- Members of Citizen Review Boards and Citizen Review Panels,
- Non-Profit Organizations Working with Homeless Children and Youth,
- Tribal Representatives,
- Program Managers, Child Protective Services Supervisors, and DHS Caseworkers,
- Child Abuse Intervention Center Staff,
- Child Welfare Advisory Committee & the Children’s Justice Act Task Force Members, and
- Other experts in the field of abused and neglected children across the state.

Recipients received an invitation to complete the survey that included a description of its purpose, instructions for completion, and a hyperlink to the survey questionnaire. The survey was open for 27 days – from December 9, 2014, through close of business on January 5, 2015. During that period, most recipients received two reminders (December 18 and December 23).

There were 325 responses submitted anonymously through the online survey. The results reflected participation by a broad group of stakeholders. The Task Force was able to gauge how
professionals in the field of child welfare in Oregon view the state of affairs of the assessment, investigation, and prosecution of cases of abused and neglected children.

**Geographic Representation:** Participants were asked to identify the county in which they worked and their field of practice. There are 36 counties in Oregon, ranging from large (Multnomah County – 766,135 population) to very small (Wheeler County – 1,381 population). There were adequate responses from across the state, and from stakeholders who work on a statewide basis, to consider the survey to have geographic representation.

**SURVEY QUESTION: In which Oregon County do you primarily work? (N = 193)**

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<th>Responses</th>
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<td>Benton</td>
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<td>Wasco</td>
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<td>Columbia</td>
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<td>Klamath</td>
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<td>Coos</td>
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<td>Lane</td>
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<td>Statewide</td>
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<td>8.29%</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>11.92%</td>
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<td>Multnomah</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>12.95%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Statewide</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>8.29%</td>
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**NOTE:** There were stakeholder responses submitted from seven of the state’s smallest counties:
- Curry County (total population - 22,339)
- Gilliam County (1,947)
- Grant County (7,283)
- Lake County (7,820)
- Sherman County (1,731)
- Tillamook County (25,317)
- Wheeler County (1,381)

**Professional Representation:** Responses came from a great variety of professionals working or volunteering in assessing, investigating, or prosecuting child abuse and neglect.

**SURVEY QUESTION: Which best describes the field in which you primarily work or volunteer? (N = 323)**

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<td>Mental Health Services</td>
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<td>Tribal Caseworker or Attorney</td>
<td>0.93%</td>
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<td>Service</td>
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<td>Child Advocacy</td>
<td>1.24%</td>
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<td>Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)</td>
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<td>Citizen Review Board member / Staff / Field Managers</td>
<td>1.55%</td>
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<td>Medical Services</td>
<td>2.17%</td>
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<td>Services for Homeless Children and Youth</td>
<td>2.78%</td>
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<td>Child Abuse Intervention Center (CAIC)</td>
<td>5.57%</td>
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<td>Private Attorney Representing Children and/or Parents</td>
<td>7.12%</td>
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<td>Circuit Court</td>
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<td>Law Enforcement</td>
<td>16.41%</td>
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<td>Criminal prosecution</td>
<td>18.27%</td>
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<td>Child Welfare / Child Protective Services</td>
<td>31.27%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>2.70%</td>
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**Experience / Length of Practice:** Nearly sixty (60) percent of respondents had worked or volunteered in their field for more than 10 years.

**SURVEY QUESTION:** How long have you worked or volunteered in your field?  
(N = 325)

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<th>Time Period</th>
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<td>0 - 2 years</td>
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<td>2 - 5 years</td>
<td>11.50%</td>
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<td>5 - 10 years</td>
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<td>10 - 20 years</td>
<td>32.76%</td>
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<tr>
<td>More than 20 years</td>
<td>26.80%</td>
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**Question #8** asked respondents to select the three (3) **MOST COMMON TYPES OF CASES THEY ENCOUNTER** in their work or volunteer activities. The survey gave respondents six option (and other) choices: alcohol abuse, drug abuse, mental health challenges, economic challenges, generational system involvement, criminal conduct, or other.

Neglect was the most frequently selected response as either their first (146), second (43), or third (5) most commonly found case.

Domestic Violence was clearly the second-highest type of case encountered, with respondents selecting it as their first (73), second (108), or third (68) most common type of case.

Though trailing neglect and domestic abuse, **physical abuse** cases were the third most common type of case for the respondents. (Selected as first most common – 24, second – 112, and third – 103).
**Question #9** asked respondents to select the two (2) **MOST COMMON CONTRIBUTING FACTORS** to the child abuse or neglect cases they encountered, based on their experience.

- **Drug abuse** was by far the most frequently selected response as either their first (166) or second (90) choice.

- **Mental health issues** was cited as the second most common contributing factor selected as their first (44) or second (104) most common.

**Questions #4, #5, #6, and #7** asked survey respondents to opine as to whether components of the reporting, assessment, and initial investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect, and the investigative process, criminal prosecution process, and judicial handling of cases were excellent, adequate, or needed improvement. The following shows information about the areas at least 30 percent of respondents selected as needing improvement.

Survey question related to needed improvements in the **REPORTING, ASSESSMENT, AND INITIAL INVESTIGATION** of suspected child abuse or neglect:

- Community awareness of child abuse and neglect 47.84%
- Awareness of sex trafficking 46.56%
- Ongoing training of DHS staff on assessment of child abuse or neglect 34.67%
- Investigations/interviews of children with disabilities 34.16%
- Mental health examination of child 33.33%
- DHS initial safety assessment and planning 31.89%
- Awareness of barriers due to bias 32.19%
- Engaging and supporting parents and caregivers 30.63%

Survey question related to needed improvements in the **INVESTIGATIVE** process:

- Providing trauma-informed investigators 43.44%
- Awareness of barriers due to bias 33.84%
- Law enforcement knowledge about handling abuse of children with disabilities 33.64%
- Law enforcement knowledge about commercial sexual exploitation of children 31.56%

Survey question related to needed improvements in the **CRIMINAL PROSECUTION** process:

- Court processes minimize additional trauma to the child 39.18%
- Training opportunities for prosecutors on the Oregon Safety Model 38.87%
- Timeliness of court processes and hearings 37.58%

Survey question related to needed improvements in the **JUDICIAL** process:

- Timeliness of court processes and hearings 37.58%
- Court proceedings are designed to minimize trauma to the child 33.13%
- Judges receive training on child abuse and neglect 30.94%
F. Analysis of Reports, Data, and Legislation

Review of Data and Reports

The CJA Task Force reviewed the data, findings, and recommendations contained in reports issued during the review period in order to complete a comprehensive review and evaluation of the current state of child abuse and neglect in Oregon in order to assess needs and develop priorities. The following reports, relevant literature and data were included in this review:

1. Child Welfare Data Books

These reports were prepared in 2011, 2012, and 2013, by the Office of Business Intelligence, Oregon Department of Human Services. These annual reports provide information regarding the children who come into Oregon's child welfare system due to abuse or neglect.

- 2013 Data Book
- 2012 Data Book
- 2011 Data Book


3. 2010 - 2014 Child & Family Service Plan

4. 2015 - 2019 Child & Family Service Plan

5. National Center Brief – Childhood Trauma and Its Effect on Healthy Development (July 2012)

6. Oregon Critical Incident Response Team Reports

Created in 2004 and codified by the Oregon Legislature in 2007, the public reports created by the Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT) are an important and unique tool to help protect Oregon's children in state care. The primary purpose of the CIRT process is to quickly assess lessons for the improvement of agency actions when there is an incident or serious injury or death caused by abuse or neglect that involves a child who has had contact with the Oregon Department of Human Services. In each case, the CIRT process identifies improvements that can be made to DHS policies or practices and makes the report public. CIRT reports are designed to review agency actions, not the actions of the person who injured the child. DHS protects the identity of children and other clients, so names are not included in the reports.

7. Legislative Sensitive Review Committee – 2012

In 1997, the Oregon Legislature established a Sensitive Review Committee (SRC) process (ORS 409.194). The law, and related rules adopted by the Department of Human Services (DHS), allow the DHS Director to convene a sensitive review committee upon the request of the Senate President or the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Director may convene a Legislative SRC to review the actions and conduct of the department following resolution of a judicial or administrative proceeding that addresses the actions and conduct of the department. Each SRC must include at least one state Senator and one state Representative. In addition, they include other stakeholders representing the medical, legal, and physiological communities.
Statutes require a Legislative SRC to develop findings and conclusions and make recommendations to the DHS Director regarding policies and practices. DHS produces a written report with the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee.

One SRC report was issued during the 2012 – 2015 assessment period. This was the fourth review completed under this law. This committee convened in September 2011; it met four times, and completed a final report in March 2012. The conclusions included: concerns about inadequate cross-jurisdictional communications; coordination among organizations aimed at prevention; encouraging Oregonians to view DHS as a preventative organization in addition to its protective role; and concerns about addiction and mental health treatment providers not taking into consideration the presence of a child(ren) within the home.

In addition, and most relevant to CJA goals and objectives, this Legislative SRC had concerns about consistency among educational, social, and medical communities and their understandings of what it means for a child to be at different levels of risk. The SRC recommended a training process for DHS child welfare and the private/public child health systems (such as the Oregon Pediatric Society’s START program - Screening Tools and Referral Training). In addition, the report endorsed the state’s use of the “differential response” model. Another recommendation related to improved articulation of the mandatory reporter training, determining how this training could be helpful to DHS during an investigation of neglect, and how a mandatory reporter can best provide balanced and objective data.

8. Review of Relevant Legislation Passed During the Assessment Period

OREGON FOSTER CHILDREN’S BILL OF RIGHTS

Oregon Laws 2013 – Chapter 515 (SB 123)

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules establishing Oregon Foster Children’s Bill of Rights. Directs DHS to conduct periodic review to ensure bill of rights complies with principles outlined in measure. Requires DHS to promote foster child involvement in state foster care and child welfare policy. Clarifies guarantees rights for foster youth under U.S. Constitution, federal law, Oregon constitution, state law, administrative law and case law. Directs DHS to share age-appropriate information about court hearings and other rights within 60 days of placement. Updates the list of contacts for foster youth under DHS purview. Removes restrictions on the use of the hotline. Applies to foster children in substitute care on or after effective date of act.

418.201 Legislative intent. It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that each foster child have certain essential rights, including but not limited to the following:

1) To have the ability to make oral and written complaints about care, placement or services that are unsatisfactory or inappropriate, and to be provided with information about a formal process for making complaints without fear of retaliation, harassment or punishment.

2) To be notified of, and provided with transportation to, court hearings and reviews by local citizen review boards pertaining to the foster child’s case when the matters to be considered or decided upon at the hearings and reviews are appropriate for the foster child, taking into account the age and developmental stage of the foster child.
(3) To be provided with written contact information of specific individuals whom the foster child may contact regarding complaints, concerns or violations of rights, that is updated as necessary and kept current.

(4) When a foster child is 14 years of age or older, to be provided with written information within 60 days of the date of any placement or any change in placement, regarding:

(a) How to establish a bank account in the foster child’s name as allowed under state law;
(b) How to acquire a driver license as allowed under state law;
(c) How to remain in foster care after reaching 18 years of age;
(d) The availability of a tuition and fee waiver for a current or former foster child under ORS 351.293;
(e) How to obtain a copy of the foster child’s credit report, if any;
(f) How to obtain medical, dental, vision, mental health services or other treatment, including services and treatments available without parental consent under state law; and
(g) A transition toolkit, including a comprehensive transition plan.

(5) With respect to a foster child’s rights under the federal and state constitutions, laws, including case law, rules and regulations:

(a) To receive a document setting forth such rights that is age and developmentally appropriate within 60 days of the date of any placement or any change in placement;
(b) To have a document setting forth such rights that is age and developmentally appropriate posted at the residences of all foster parents, child-caring agencies and independent resident facilities; and
(c) To have an annual review of such rights that is age and developmentally appropriate while the foster child is in substitute care.

(6) To be provided with current and updated contact information for adults who are responsible for the care of the foster child and who are involved in the foster child’s case, including but not limited to caseworkers, caseworker supervisors, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, court appointed special advocates, local citizen review boards and employees of the Department of Human Services that provide certification of foster parents, child-caring agencies and independent resident facilities.

(7) To have a hotline phone number that is available to the foster child at all times for the purposes of enabling the foster child to make complaints and assert grievances regarding the foster child’s care, safety or well-being.

MANDATORY REPORTER CHANGES

Oregon Laws 2012 – Chapter 92 (HB 4016)

The law clarifies that duty to report rests with the public or private individual, not organization where he or she works. It also expands the list of public and private officials required to report child abuse. The law also adds several new categories of persons as mandatory reporters, including: employees of higher education institution and public or private organizations that provide child-related services or activities to youth groups or centers, scout groups or camps, summer or day camps, survival camps or groups, centers, or camps operated under the guidance, supervision, or auspices of religious, public, or private educational systems or community service organizations; and coaches, assistant coaches, or trainers of amateur, semiprofessional, or professional athletes, related to a child athlete. It excludes community-based, nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to provide confidential, direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or
human trafficking. It allows an alternate designated person to receive the report of the suspected abuse if the designee is the abuser.

G. Oregon CJA Task Force Priorities for 2015 - 2018

Following review of the results of the survey, review of data about the review period, review of relevant legislation, the CJA Task Force developed the following priorities for the next three years. The CWAC oversight committee reviewed and approved these priorities on March 11, 2015.

Support proposals that address system improvement and ongoing education/training related to the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect in the following areas:

1) Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
2) Trauma-Informed Response
3) Elimination of Bias
4) Mental Health Challenges and Disabilities
5) Co-Occurring Conditions
IV. Program Performance Report and Application for FFY 2015

For the 2015 – 2018 grant period, the Task Force will focus on the priorities adopted per Section V of this report (page 31) in conjunction with the goals of developing, establishing, and operating programs designed to improve:

(1) Assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and the child’s family;
(2) Assessment and investigation of cases of suspected child abuse-related fatalities and suspected child neglect-related fatalities;
(3) Investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and
(4) Assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect.

A. Proposed Approaches, Allocations, and Evaluation efforts for FFY 2015

The Oregon Task Force does not currently use a Request for Proposal, Request for Qualifications, or Request for Application to solicit grant proposals. The current practice largely relies on publicity about the program and member efforts to develop/solicit grant applications. The Task Force is exploring ways of increasing the awareness of the grant program to motivate new applicants to address Oregon’s needs. The Task Force may dedicate future grant allocations based on the type of activity (training, conferences, research, etc.). Members are also considering methods to stimulate new grant applications for needs identified in the federal priorities, by the 2014 survey, and in response to Oregon’s current CFPS.

The Task Force continually strives to improve the evaluation of grant awards, typically requiring interim and final reports from grant recipients to help determine the effectiveness of funded activities. In seeking ways to achieve measurable outcomes, the Task Force will be working with grant recipients to gather policy and training recommendations in addition to the more typical attendee evaluations.

B. CJA Awareness of CFSP and APSR Strategies and Goals

The Oregon Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Task Force and its managing committee, the Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC), are becoming increasingly informed about, and involved with, the Oregon 2015-2018 Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) and Annual Progress & Services Review (APSR).

At the November 2014, CWAC meeting, DHS Child Welfare Program Director, Lois Day, and AJ (Annajean) Goins, the Federal Policy, Planning, and Resources Manager, provided members with an update on the CFSP. Goins explained the state’s responsibility for preparing a comprehensive plan for each five-year period to guide child welfare practice as it pertains to the use of Title IV-E and Title IV-B resources provided by the federal government. She described how the agency and federal partners use the APSR to analyze the
state’s child welfare practice and track progress on the Plan. DHS is consistently increasing stakeholder participation in the goal setting and evaluation for this process. Goins specifically reviewed the five overarching goals in the CFSP, objectives, interventions, key activities, potential measures, and benchmarks that will be used in working toward achieving those goals.

In March 2015, Goins presented similar information to the CJA Task Force. She noted that federal program instructions are increasingly focusing on outcomes and the importance of thoughtful analysis of data and strategic use of resources. States have been asked to concentrate on evaluating their year-to-year data, connecting various work efforts, and explaining how they are working with stakeholders and partners. She discussed the current Oregon process to prepare for the federal Round 3 CFSR. At this time, Oregon is planning to submit a request to conduct a state administered Round 3 CFSR scheduled for 2016. She encouraged CJA members to participate in the processes DHS is establishing for them to provide feedback on the plan, measures, and systematic factors. She noted that CJA-funded projects over the last three years have targeted toward current CFSP goals.

C. CJA Efforts Related to Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking

In February 2014, CJA awarded $35,441 to Portland State University for a two-part project performed by consultants Chris Carey and Joslyn Baker. Carey’s portion of the project was to develop a standardized method for data collection and assessment. Baker was to develop a community multi-disciplinary collaborative response to the commercial exploitation of children in Hood River County, Oregon, and the surrounding areas.

In a progress report to the Task Force, Carey described meetings with DHS CSEC specialists, development of a pilot data-collection instrument. He continues to train DHS staff and juvenile staff at the Multnomah District Attorney’s Office and at the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office and a standardized data collection method will be available to DHS. This part of the project is capturing some of the data outlined in the PSTSFA, H.R. 4980. It can begin to fill some of the data gaps that exist among CSEC populations, and may offer a model data-collection instrument for standardized data collection protocol. However, it, it was not intended to result in the data collection program required for Oregon’s compliance with this law.

Baker identified community partners currently working with vulnerable teens and children in the Hood River County area, assessed gaps in the resources currently available, designed a multidisciplinary training for community partners, including a pre- and post-survey to measure the effectiveness of the training. In addition, she has assembled a task force that will be responsible for identified system changes and developed a plan to sustain the collaborative work.
VI. Attachments: Required Certifications

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Work Place
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/certification-regarding-drug-free-workplace-requirements

Debarment Certification
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/certification-regarding-debarment-suspension-and-other

Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/certification-regarding-environmental-tobacco-smoke
CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Lobbying Certification - CAPTA CJA 2014.docd Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Signature

Title Director

Organization Department of Human Services