



# Department of Children and Families

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□ Budget Presentation to  
Lane County Budget Committee

Thursday, May 6, 2010

# Commission Solutions

*We are unique; we do it differently*

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- A state office, 36 local commissions, a state policy-making body and five program initiatives working as a team
- A national model for system improvement and results-oriented action for children and families
- Statewide, leverage dollars for prevention:  
**\$48 million over the last biennium**  
(Lane County \$648,593)
- We leverage people as volunteers:  
**391,421 hours** (Lane County 42,668 hours)



# We Represent the Community Voice

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- Our local Commission is a 21-member volunteer advisory group appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to *advise them on local children, youth and family policies, issues, needs and solutions*. Our overarching goal is to promote prevention and community wellness
- Our Early Childhood Planning Team is made up of a wide variety of community partners and has provided leadership on the two early childhood priorities



# Commission's 5 Functions

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- **Comprehensive Community Planning and Implementation** (*Leading strategically*)
- **Policy Development** (*Shaping Policy & Law*)
- **Community Mobilization** (*Organizing Change*)
- **System Development** (*Bringing services together*)
- **Service Delivery Improvements** (*Ensuring Quality and Accountability*)



# Community Priorities

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- Reduce child maltreatment by increasing home visiting capacity to high risk families
- Increase quality child care for children 0-3
- Increase supports for Youth in Transition with mental health needs



# Commission System Solutions

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- Healthy Start children are half as likely to become victims of child abuse. 3,200 served have 2.5 times less chance of being abused
- Relief Nurseries reduce entry into foster care, keeping or reconnecting 88 percent of at-risk families with their children
- Children with a CASA have fewer placement changes, spend less time in out-of-home care and are more likely to return home or be adopted rather than remain in long-term foster care



## *Your Allocation for Strategic Resource and Community Development*

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- \$247,653 has been raised through grant submissions since July 1, 2009 to support our community
- That is a 2.44 to 1 return on investment in the last 9 months



# Your \$100,000 Allocation to Prevention Programs Saved Lives and Families

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- **Healthy Start/Healthy Families**
- **Family Resource Centers**
- **Runaway Homeless Youth**
- **Additional Services**



# Healthy Start/Healthy Families

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- Healthy Start intensive services were provided to 17 high risk families
  
- 400 Home Visits



# Family Resource Centers

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- 9 school districts served an additional 393 families. This means multiple visits and services for these families many of whom are newly in need as a result of “The Great Recession”
- Leveraged resources: United Way of Lane County has identified the FRC Network as a partner in its Road to Recovery Initiative. The FRC Network was also invited to apply for funding under UW’s Basic Needs funding area



# Runaway Homeless Youth Rural Initiative – South Lane Region

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*July 1 2009 though December 31, 2009*

- 53 young people, ages 11-17 received supports & services. Without your help, 12 of those youth would not have received services



# Additional Supports

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- ❑ CASA rent and phones at DYS
- ❑ Support for Transition Age Youth: Peer Support Specialist
- ❑ Provided training funds for agencies

Thank You!

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