



2019 Children's Agenda Wins for Our Children

As we look back over the 2019 legislative session, there were many wins for Oregon's families and children, Children First for Oregon annually develops the Children's Agenda with our [110 partner organizations](#) representing a wide range of policy areas impacting child well-being. The [2019 Children's Agenda](#) included 63 legislative concepts with four priority issues, and over 70% of them passed in 2019!

Legislative wins included three of the four Children's Agenda priorities -

- Renter protections ending no cause evictions
- Universally offered home visiting for families with newborns
- Early learning investments creating the Early Learning Equity Fund and fully funding Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

Other key legislative wins in 2019 -

- **Student Success Act** with a significant new dedicated funding source for our schools, along with investments in early learning, mental health supports for students, school meals and improving outcomes for historically marginalized students
- **Youth Sentencing Reform** to create a youth justice system with redemption and rehabilitation at its core
- **Youth Suicide Prevention** plans in every school district
- **Paid Family and Medical Leave**
- **Driver Licenses for All** so all parents can get to work and get their children to school
- Significant investments in **affordable housing**
- New **investments in child welfare** including recruitment, training and better supports for foster families
- **Earned Income Tax Credit** increased and renewed to help move families out of poverty
- A **new statewide system of care** for children that will better provide assessments, behavioral health services, and other supports for our children with the greatest needs