

# 2021 Children's Agenda

## Budget Ask Items



### Family and Community

### Support Targeted Investments in Child Welfare

The Governor's Budget maintains funding for Child Welfare core services and adds General Fund investments to allow the agency to further implement recommendations made by Alvarez and Marsal, the contractor hired as a result of the Governor's Executive Order 19-03. These investments improve Oregon's Child Welfare system by stabilizing support systems and working upstream to make sure less children enter child welfare and fewer parents struggle with addiction and recovery.

- \$1 million to expand training capacity
- \$15.9 million to increase staffing levels and provide core program infrastructure
- \$4.6 million to create infrastructure for the Family Preservation and Prevention Program
- \$19.4 million to establish an effective respite care program
- Staff support for the Governor's Child Foster Care Advocacy Commission.

Additionally, the Children's System of Care is supported through continuation of baseline funding invested in 2019 through SB1/221 to serve Children and Youth with Specialized Needs.