

2024 Children's Agenda



Join the powerful coalition of 135 organizations statewide, led by **Our Children Oregon**, in advocating for the well-being of Oregon's children, youth, and families through The Children's Agenda.

A Better Future for Oregon's Children and Families

Oregon's 861,000 children represent one-fifth of the state's population, and the entirety of its future. This session, the Oregon Legislature is addressing significant issues, including homelessness and addiction, that are affecting an alarming number of Oregonians. These challenges often stem from childhood experiences.

Additionally, Oregon's commitment to its children falls short. Our state ranks in the bottom half among the nation for economic well-being (30th) and education (44th), highlighting the need for immediate and substantial improvement.

We have a responsibility to reach children and families to promote prevention, safety, and well-being now and in the future. Unfortunately, critical matters from the 2023 Legislative Session remain unresolved, requiring urgent attention to our 10 priorities across 3 key domains: economic well being, education, and family and community.



The Children's Agenda Partnership

The Children's Agenda unites over 135 local and statewide organizations, calling upon state legislators to act decisively for the support of Oregon's children and families. Together, we've formulated a comprehensive legislative agenda tailored to address the holistic needs of children, youth, and families statewide.

Collaborative Advocacy for Oregon's Children

By uniting advocates and prioritizing the 2024 Children's Agenda, we hold the power to profoundly and positively impact the lives of children and families across the state. This year, we can work towards an Oregon where every child not only thrives, but has the opportunity to flourish and reach their fullest potential.

Learn more at: OurChildrenOregon.org/2024-childrens-agenda

2024 Children's Agenda Priorities



This year's agenda is a bold set of 10 priorities across 3 key areas, focusing on the most pressing needs of children and youth, including:



Economic Well-being

Children's basic needs must be met in affordable, accessible ways.

Protections Against Homelessness and Rent Assistance for Families (\$63M)

SB 1530 | Stable Homes for Oregon Families

Adequately Fund Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) (\$150-225M)

Budget Ask | Child Care for Oregon Coalition

Equitable Access to the Child Care Infrastructure Fund for Small & Rural Providers (\$5M)

HB 4158 | Child Care for Oregon Coalition



Education

Children need quality learning and caring environments beginning at birth.

Establishing the Oregon Youth Advisory Group

SB 1552 | Oregon Association of Student Councils

Expanding Access to Afterschool and Summer Learning (\$50M)

HB 4082 | OregonASK

Restore Funding for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (\$22M)

Budget Ask | Early Childhood Coalition

Funding the Early Literacy Success Initiative (\$19.43M)

Budget Ask | Our Children Oregon



Family & Community

Children and their families need safety, stability, and belonging.

Stabilization Funding for Relief Nurseries (\$2.7M)

Budget Ask | Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries

Advocacy for State Support for Nurse-Family Medicaid Match (\$3.2M)

HB 4105 | Nurse-Family Partnership

Increase Funding for Healthy Families Oregon (\$2.7M)

Budget Ask | Healthy Families Oregon Coalition

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Children's Agenda Partners



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OPPORTUNITY REIMAGINED.

Logos are Children's Agenda partners who comprise of the Children's Agenda Steering committee; all partners are listed by name. Individual support for our priorities can be found on our website.



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Urban League of Portland



- 90by30
- 211info
- All Born (In)
- AAUW of Oregon
- All Hands Raised
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association in Oregon
- APANO
- Baby Blues Connection
- Basic Rights Oregon
- Beyond Toxics
- Bridge Meadows
- CareOregon
- CASA of Oregon
- Catholic Community Services of Mid-Willamette Valley
- Central City Concern
- Children's Health Alliance
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- College Possible
- Community Action Partnership of Oregon
- Community Action Team, Inc.
- Decoding Dyslexia
- DevNW
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- Families First Parent Resource Center
- Family Development Center Relief Nursery
- Family Forward Oregon
- Family Resource Center of Central Oregon
- Farmworker Housing Development Corporation
- Fight Crime: Invest In Kids
- Foster Homes of Healing Fund
- Friends of Outdoor School
- Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
- Hacienda CDC
- Healthy Kids Learn Better
- Housing Oregon
- IRCO
- Impact NW
- International Dyslexia Association Oregon
- League of Women Voters of Oregon
- Metropolitan Family Services
- Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense
- NAMI Oregon
- NAYA Family Center
- Neighborhood House, Inc.
- Neighborhood Partnerships
- Neighbors for Clean Air
- New Avenues for Youth
- Northwest Down Syndrome Association
- Northwest Mothers Milk Bank
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Oregon AFSCME, Council 75
- OregonASK
- Oregon Alliance of YMCA
- Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women
- Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children
- Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries
- Oregon CASA Network
- Oregon Center for Public Policy
- Oregon Child Abuse Solutions
- Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
- Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices
- Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials
- Oregon Council for Behavioral Health
- Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Oregon DD Coalition
- Oregon Education Association
- Oregon Family Support Network
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Resource Family Alliance
- Oregon Head Start Association
- Oregon Health Equity Alliance
- Oregon Housing Alliance
- Oregon Hunger Task Force
- Oregon Latino Health Coalition
- Oregon Law Center
- Oregon Montessori Association
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon Pediatric Society
- Oregon PTA
- Oregon Public Health Association
- Oregon School-Based Health Alliance
- Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force
- Oregon Student Association
- Oregon Student Voice
- Oregon Trial Lawyers Association
- Oregon Women's Rights Coalition
- Parrot Creek Child and Family Services
- Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
- Partnership for Safety and Justice
- p:ear
- Pearl Buck Center
- Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
- Playworks
- Prevent Child Abuse Oregon
- Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation
- Rafael's House of Portland
- Reach Out & Read
- ReadyNation
- Safe Route Partnership
- SEIU, Local 503
- Silverton Together
- Somali American Council of Oregon
- State of Safety Action
- TANF Alliance
- Tax Fairness Oregon
- The Family Nurturing Center
- The Street Trust
- TransPonder
- Trillium Family Services
- UFCW Local 555
- Verde
- Washington County Kids
- Willamette Partnership
- Youth, Rights & Justice
- YWCA of Greater Portland

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