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Oregon Children's Justice Act Task Force Attention: Stephanie Stafford Grants Coordinator/Family Based Services 500 Summer St. N.E., E-68 Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Child Neglect Community Solutions Summit

The Board of County Commissioners in Lane County enthusiastically support county staff participation and involvement in planning a local summit on child neglect and the participation in the proposed one-day Child Neglect Community Solutions Summit here in Lane County.

The increasing numbers of Lane County children entering foster care yearly, as well as overall rates of child abuse and neglect that refuse to drop off are troublesome to all of us who serve children. We support the summit's goal of increasing the community's sense of urgency concerning the problem of child abuse and neglect.

We look forward to this very important community event.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart, Chair Board of County Commissioners