



Oregon TANF Alliance

Strengthening Families, Protecting Children

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Helping Families Stabilize and Return to Work

On behalf of low-income parents and their children,

we urge you to vote yes on HB 3535.

HB 3535: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Reinvestment

The TANF program keeps children safe and with their families. TANF stabilizes households with financial assistance, while connecting them to supportive community-based services. During the Great recession, the legislature sought to maintain the safety net, rather than cut access, and keep families together. Now with the economy improving, funding for targeted services needs to be bolstered to help families increase income through work.

The TANF Alliance worked with DHS for 9 months to put forward the best package of target services as a down payment on needed services to help families move up and out of poverty. We then participated in the House Housing and Human Services workgroup to shape the final provisions in HB 3535.

HB 3535:

- 1) provides intensive services to move families into the workforce,
- 2) assures their stability so they do not fall deeper into poverty and remain employed, and
- 3) assures their children are healthy, cared for and equipped to learn.

The resulting reforms included in HB 3535 is part of an investment of almost \$30 million for services that sustained major cuts during the last two biennia.

From the desk of
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