



## Memorandum

**To:** Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

**From:** Kim Scott, President & CEO  
Trillium Family Services

**Date:** February 2, 2016

**Re:** Statement of Support for SB 1515

Chair Gelser & Committee Members,

I am writing today to express Trillium Family Services' full support of SB 1515.

Over the last several months, Senator Gelser has been engaged in dialogue regarding the bill with several child-serving organizations, including Trillium.

It is clear to me the bill creates a much safer and more accountable provider system for children's services in Oregon. It does not propose any additional requirements or changes to existing standards and criteria, it simply ensures that organizations comply with them. All providers should be held to this level of accountability in the interest of the safety and welfare of children, as well as the effectiveness of the system of care that serves these youth.

I believe that accountability among providers is a necessary first step in stabilizing the system. I also contend that further investment is required to *strengthen* services in order to impact Oregon's children and families in a significant manner.

Please join me in supporting SB 1515. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Scott".

**Kim Scott, President & CEO**  
**Trillium Family Services**