

**Oregon Health Authority
Supporting Young Parents**

On February 23rd, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$1.5 million per year for three years to support expectant and parenting teens and young adults.

The purpose of the grant is to provide expectant and parenting teens and young adults, as well as their families, with a seamless network of supportive services to improve their health and well-being. A key objective is to improve not only the health outcomes of the target population, but also educational, social, and economic outcomes that shape health.

The agency intends to support 4 to 6 community colleges in Oregon to enhance their system of services for this population. The colleges would be chosen through an RFP process. Community colleges would be expected to provide core services in five domains, either through direct service provision or referrals and linkages.

No state matching funds are required, and the agency does not need any additional positions. The community colleges that participate are expected to contribute a 25% match, either cash or in-kind support.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.