

Regional Programs Serving Oregon Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities

Regional Programs provide students (*birth to age 21*) who have low incidence disabilities educational opportunities to achieve success through equitable access and specialized support.

Low Incidence Disabilities:

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Blind/Visually Impaired
- Deaf/Blind
- Autism
- Orthopedically Impaired
- Traumatic Brain Injury

Current Funding	\$28 million
<u>Restored Service Level</u>	<u>\$40 million</u>
Funding Shortfall	\$12 million

Student Growth:

- 10,152 eligible students projected for 2017-2019
- **28% projected increase in students eligible for Regional services since 2007**
- 56% increase in students eligible for Autism over a 10 year period
- 27% increase in students eligible for Deaf/Hard of Hearing over a 10 year period

Funding Shortfall:

- Not funded by State School Fund - funded by State general fund and LEA IDEA dollars
- **The projected funding level compared to 2007 is:**
 - **a 10% decrease in funding**
 - **30% less than it would have been if adjusted for inflation and student growth**
 - **an overall funding shortfall of \$11.9M if adjusted for inflation and student growth**

Adverse Effects:

- Less direct service provided to students
- Potential negative impact on educational and functional outcomes for students

Increased and stable funding for Regional Programs is essential so students with low incidence disabilities from age birth to 21 have equitable access to achieve educational success.

