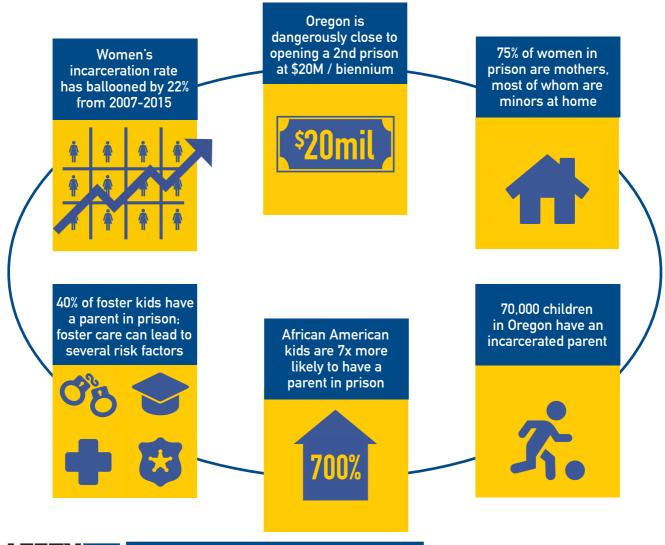
Strong Families Safe Communities



ON THE BRINK OF ANOTHER WOMEN'S PRISON

The Family Sentencing Alternative passed with broad bipartisan support in 2015 and has launched in five counties in Oregon. Based off of a successful Washington State program that reduces recidivism and creates better outcomes for kids, the initiative was designed to provide parents intensive supervision and services instead of prison so that they can achieve accountability while strengthening bonds with their children and increasing family stability.

While FSA has met some of its intended goals, gaps in the law unintentionally exclude parents who would otherwise be eligible for the program. HB 3380 updates the program to include pregnant women and other fixes that will ensure the reach that the original bill intended.





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FIX AND PRESERVE THE FAMILY SENTENCING ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (FSAP)



Allow more qualified parents to be reunited with their children

This update allows additional qualified parents to be reunited with their families while receiving intensive supervision and community-based treatment. This way, more children can be with their parents while they're still serving a sentence.



Fix the loophole that excludes pregnant women

Expectant mothers were inadvertently excluded from the 2015 law. This fix allows pregnant women to be considered for FSAP eligibility, giving newborns a chance to bond with their parents.



Ensure the program is being used effectively

The FSA program is intended to divert eligible participants from prison, connecting them to the services they need in the community and strengthening their relationships with their children. Prison diversion also saves taxpayer dollars by avoiding costly prison bed expansion. This fix will ensure that the program is being used as an effective diversion tool to achieve its goals.

The Family Sentencing Alternative Program is supported by a diverse range of community-based and advocacy organizations.

































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