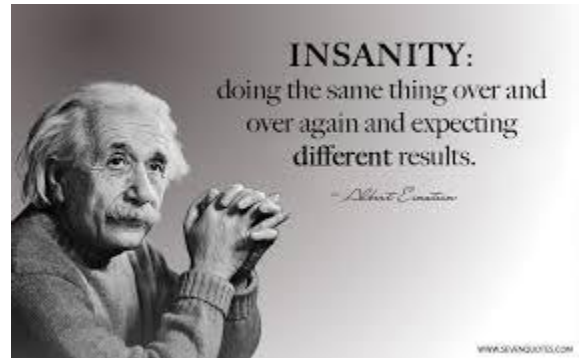


**Foster Care Innovation Fund:**

Oregon’s Child Welfare system is at an inflection point, as our foster care system, and foster care systems across the country are reacting and responding to the major shifts in funding, policies, perspectives, and resources available to serve young people in need of out of home placements. (will add citations)

What we know is that our system is working for many of the young children in foster care, that we are helping to ensure child safety, achieving permanency, and that we have thousands of amazing foster parents across the state and non-profit partners who are deeply committed to the care and well-being of children in the foster care system.

We also know that we do not have enough foster parents, resources, and opportunities for young people in foster care and that our state doesn't have the greatest outcomes, especially for teens, with the most disproportionate outcomes for teens of color (will add key data points)



Given these realities, we need to dedicate public funds to encourage the best and brightest thinkers across the state to innovate and develop solutions that are built to address our state’s immediate needs while also designing the systems of the future.

A \$5-7m investment this biennium would allow for a series of investments and pilots across our state focused on the singular goal of re-imagining the foster care system to one in which each child gets the right placement with the right services at the right time to ensure better outcomes and that we maximize our return on investment (ROI).

An allocations committee would be created and charged with developing an RFP with:

- Allocation Committee would be appointed with: 2 state-agency leaders, 2 foster parents, 2 former foster youth, and 2 community partners.
- Ability to impact urban, rural, and frontier communities.
- Range of approaches: recruitment, certification, supports, and services.
- Clear outcome metrics & ROI.



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