

HB 4131: Preserve the Family Preservation Project

The Family Preservation Project has impacted the lives of thousands of Oregon mothers and children, providing services to help incarcerated women and their children overcome cycles of poverty, trauma, and intergenerational involvement in the criminal justice system. Sufficient, stable funding will ensure these families get the support they need. HB 4131 creates the program in statute and provides \$650,000 in funding per biennium through 2027.

20,000 children
in Oregon currently have at least one parent that has been incarcerated, which is one of the Top 10 ACES contributing towards lifelong detrimental effects.

What is the Family Preservation Project?

A proven model for strengthening families and communities, the Family Preservation Project helps mothers take ownership of their lives and changes the lives of children with an incarcerated parent, reducing trauma and providing support they do not receive anywhere else.

Children with an incarcerated mother are more likely to be placed in **foster care** and more likely to be **incarcerated** in their lifetime



FPP mitigates the costs of childhood trauma that would otherwise be incurred by state agencies such as DHS, OHA, & ODE.

Connecting those children with their mothers and engaging families in therapeutic support **reduces their trauma** and reduces those likelihoods

TIER I Intensive Family Reunification

Designed for families with a child facing educational or emotional barriers. Mothers, children, caregivers, and family members engage in therapeutic visitations, intensive transition planning, caregiver support, and biopsychosocial assessments and interventions.

Three Levels of Service for an Expanded Impact

TIER II Family Resource Center

Serves an avg. 100 incarcerated mothers in Oregon per month with weekly psycho-educational classes, support groups and other resources to reduce barriers to contact with their children.

TIER III Speaker Series

Serves an avg. 67 women per month. Engages community to speak on parenting, legal, re-entry, wellness, and education.

Every day that this program goes unfunded, real families suffer. Over 68,000 children in Oregon have had an incarcerated parent in their lifetime and 80% of women who are incarcerated are mothers. This program provides an immediate need that these women and children will not find elsewhere.

Funding this program is a matter of urgency for thousands of Oregonians.

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