

Good morning,

I wanted to send you my testimony directly since I registered for last night region 1 road show and wasn't called on.

My name is Sunday Kamppi, I am the Program Manager for NW OR Healthy Families. This regional program serves Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties.

I am here today to speak on behalf of supporting the Early Childhood Education programs in the State of Oregon. There is one program especially takes my heart, the Healthy Families program. I have been the manager in the region for over 15 years. In the region there has been lots growth in so many areas, but not much growth in the 0-3 age range. Healthy Families is the biggest child abuse prevention program in our region. The program continues to serve Oregon's largest at risk population our 0-3 year old's. In the 2019, DHS Child Welfare data book reports the 0-3 population has the highest number of founded child welfare cases in our tri-county area. Who serves this population you ask? Well.. Healthy Families, Public Health Nurses and Early Intervention. That is about it. Healthy Families is the only program, where you don't have to have specific health or development concerns of your child to enroll for services.

Healthy Families main goals are to increase school readiness, build the bridges for bonding and attachment for new babies and families, and reduce the child abuse and neglect rates on our communities. We have the honor of working with families who need extra support in the earliest days of a child's life.

I wanted to share what one family who recently graduated from our local Healthy Families program said. "I was nervous at first to connect with someone I didn't know. I'm different. I have issues, well big problems. My Home Visitor gave me the tools to make me a better mom. She was so light-hearted, kind and friendly. She gave me power to be successful."

That is why I continue to do this type of work! The program is asking that you continue to support the youngest population in Oregon and fully fund and expand with new growth for the Healthy Families program and our 0-3 population.

Thank you for your services and your time.