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418.746 Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account; uses; eligibility

determination; plans; rules. (1) The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account is established separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned, if any, shall inure to the benefit of the account. All moneys deposited in the account are continuously appropriated to the Department of Justice for the purposes of ORS 418.751 and this section.

(2) The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program, with the advice of the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment, created by ORS 418.784, shall allocate moneys from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account to eligible county multidisciplinary child abuse teams formed under ORS 418.747, or entities designated by the teams, serving the counties from which the moneys were collected. The program may award only one grant per county. The moneys shall be allocated by the same formula as, or a formula similar to, the formula used by the Attorney General for equitable distribution of the fund for victim's assistance programs under ORS 147.227 (1). Moneys allocated under this subsection may not be used as replacement revenues for currently available funds previously allocated by the county for child abuse intervention.

(3) The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program shall determine eligibility of the applicants and:

- (a) Allocate funds if the applicant is deemed eligible;
- (b) Conditionally allocate funds, with appropriate conditions, when necessary to establish eligibility; or
- (c) Deny funding.

(4) In making the eligibility determination, the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program shall consider the following nonexclusive list of factors:

(a) Whether the services offered by an applicant substantially further the goals and purposes of ORS 418.747, 418.790 and 418.792;

(b) Whether the county multidisciplinary child abuse team or the entity designated by the team has properly allocated other available funds;

(c) Any evaluations of previously funded services as required by subsection (7) of this section;

(d) The extent to which the county's coordinated child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plan provides for comprehensive services to the victims of child abuse;

(e) Whether the funds are being used as replacement revenues as prohibited by subsection (2) of this section;

(f) Whether there is a community assessment center or advocacy center in existence or planned in the county; and

(g) The extent to which funding a community assessment center is given priority in the intervention plan as required under subsection (5) of this section.

(5)(a) At least once a biennium, the county multidisciplinary child abuse team shall submit to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program a coordinated child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plan. The intervention plan must:

(A) Describe all sources of funding, other than moneys that may be allocated from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account, including in-kind contributions that are available for the intervention plan;

(B) Describe the critical needs of victims of child abuse in the county, including but not

limited to assessment, advocacy and treatment, and how the intervention plan addresses those needs in a comprehensive manner;

(C) Include the county's written protocol and agreements required by ORS 418.747 (2) and 418.785; and

(D) Describe how the intervention plan gives priority to funding a community assessment center and how the funding supports the center.

(b) When submitting the intervention plan, the county multidisciplinary child abuse team shall also submit:

(A) Those applications for funding received from entities under subsection (6) of this section that the team determines best meet the needs of the county's intervention plan and a recommendation that the applications for funding be granted; and

(B) If the team is seeking funding from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program, an application setting forth the information required by rule of the program.

(6) An entity wishing to apply for funding from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program shall submit an application to the county multidisciplinary child abuse team for the county in which the entity proposes to provide services. The application shall:

(a) Describe the services to be funded with moneys from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program according to the coordinated child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plan and the anticipated outcomes in terms of benefits to children and families; and

(b) Describe how the services further the goals and purposes of ORS 418.747, 418.790 and 418.792.

(7)(a) A designated entity providing services according to a coordinated child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plan funded with moneys from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program shall submit an annual report to the county multidisciplinary child abuse team. A multidisciplinary child abuse team shall submit an annual report to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program.

(b) The annual report filed by the county multidisciplinary child abuse team must:

(A) Document how the moneys were utilized and describe to what extent the services were able to meet anticipated outcomes in terms of benefits to children and families.

(B) Include local and state issues and recommendations relating to the prevention of child fatalities identified in the fatality review process under ORS 418.785.

(c) A county multidisciplinary child abuse team receiving a report from a designated entity shall review the report and take into account success of the entity at meeting service outcomes before making future recommendations regarding allocation of moneys.

(d) The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program shall review reports received under this section before making future eligibility and allocation decisions and when evaluating services funded under this section.

(8) Two or more county multidisciplinary child abuse teams may join together to develop joint child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plans. The joint intervention plans shall be submitted as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(9) The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of ORS 418.751 and this section including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Notices and time limits for applications;

(b) Method of review and the role of advisory bodies; and

(c) Reallocation of moneys not applied for or disbursed. [1993 c.637 §§3,7; 1997 c.872 §31; 2001 c.624 §4; 2001 c.829 §8; 2003 c.354 §1; 2005 c.562 §5]

Note: 418.746 to 418.796 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 418 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

418.747 County teams for investigation; duties; training; method of investigation; designated medical professional. (1) The district attorney in each county shall be responsible for developing county multidisciplinary child abuse teams to consist of but not be limited to law enforcement personnel, Department of Human Services child protective service workers, school officials, county health department personnel, county mental health department personnel who have experience with children and family mental health issues, child abuse intervention center workers, if available, and juvenile department representatives, as well as others specially trained in child abuse, child sexual abuse and rape of children investigation.

(2) The teams shall develop a written protocol for immediate investigation of and notification procedures for child abuse cases and for interviewing child abuse victims. Each team also shall develop written agreements signed by member agencies that are represented on the team that specify:

- (a) The role of each agency;
- (b) Procedures to be followed to assess risks to the child;
- (c) Guidelines for timely communication between member agencies;
- (d) Guidelines for completion of responsibilities by member agencies;
- (e) That upon clear disclosure that the alleged child abuse occurred in a child care facility as defined in ORS 657A.250, immediate notification of parents or guardians of children attending the child care facility is required regarding any abuse allegation and pending investigation; and
- (f) Criteria and procedures to be followed when removal of the child is necessary for the child's safety.

(3) Each team member and the personnel conducting child abuse investigations and interviews of child abuse victims shall be trained in risk assessment, dynamics of child abuse, child sexual abuse and rape of children and legally sound and age appropriate interview and investigatory techniques.

(4) All investigations of child abuse and interviews of child abuse victims shall be carried out by appropriate personnel using the protocols and procedures called for in this section. If trained personnel are not available in a timely fashion and, in the judgment of a law enforcement officer or child protective services worker, there is reasonable cause to believe a delay in investigation or interview of the child abuse victim could place the child in jeopardy of physical harm, the investigation may proceed without full participation of all personnel. This authority applies only for as long as reasonable danger to the child exists. A law enforcement officer or child protective services worker shall make a reasonable effort to find and provide a trained investigator or interviewer.

(5) To ensure the protection and safe placement of a child, the Department of Human Services may request that team members obtain criminal history information on any person who is part of the household where the department may place or has placed a child who is in the department's custody. All information obtained by the team members and the department in the exercise of their duties is confidential and may be disclosed only when necessary to ensure the safe placement of a child.

(6) Each team shall classify, assess and review cases under investigation.

(7)(a) Each team shall develop and implement procedures for evaluating and reporting compliance of member agencies with the protocols and procedures required under this section. Each team shall submit to the administrator of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program copies of the protocols and procedures required under this section and the results of the evaluation as requested.

(b) The administrator may:

(A) Consider the evaluation results when making eligibility determinations under ORS 418.746 (3);

(B) If requested by the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment, ask a team to revise the protocols and procedures being used by the team based on the evaluation results; or

(C) Ask a team to evaluate the team's compliance with the protocols and procedures in a particular case.

(c) The information and records compiled under this subsection are exempt from ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

(8) Each team shall develop policies that provide for an independent review of investigation procedures of sensitive cases after completion of court actions on particular cases. The policies shall include independent citizen input. Parents of child abuse victims shall be notified of the review procedure.

(9) Each team shall designate at least one physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner who has been trained to conduct child abuse medical assessments, as defined in ORS 418.782, and who is, or who may designate another physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner who is, regularly available to conduct the medical assessment described in ORS 419B.023.

(10) If photographs are taken pursuant to ORS 419B.028, and if the team meets to discuss the case, the photographs shall be made available to each member of the team at the first meeting regarding the child's case following the taking of the photographs.

(11) No later than September 1, 2008, each team shall submit to the Department of Justice a written summary identifying the designated medical professional described in subsection (9) of this section. After that date, this information shall be included in each regular report to the Department of Justice.

(12) If, after reasonable effort, the team is not able to identify a designated medical professional described in subsection (9) of this section, the team shall develop a written plan outlining the necessary steps, recruitment and training needed to make such a medical professional available to the children of the county. The team shall also develop a written strategy to ensure that each child in the county who is a suspected victim of child abuse will receive a medical assessment in compliance with ORS 419B.023. This strategy, and the estimated fiscal impact of any necessary recruitment and training, shall be submitted to the Department of Justice no later than September 1, 2008. This information shall be included in each regular report to the Department of Justice for each reporting period in which a team is not able to identify a designated medical professional described in subsection (9) of this section. [1989 c.998 §4; 1991 c.451 §1; 1993 c.622 §5; 1995 c.134 §1; 1997 c.703 §2; 2001 c.900 §121; 2003 c.354 §2; 2005 c.562 §6; 2007 c.674 §6]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.748 Statewide team on child abuse and suicide. (1) The Department of Human Services shall form a statewide interdisciplinary team to meet twice a year to review child

fatality cases where child abuse or suicide is suspected, identify trends, make recommendations and take actions involving statewide issues.

(2) The statewide interdisciplinary team may recommend specific cases to a child fatality review team for its review under ORS 418.785.

(3) The statewide interdisciplinary team shall provide recommendations to child fatality review teams in the development of protocols. The recommendations shall address investigation, training, case selection and fatality review of child deaths, including but not limited to child abuse and youth suicide cases. [1989 c.998 §5; 1991 c.451 §4; 1997 c.714 §2; 2005 c.562 §7]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.749 [1989 c.998 §6; 1993 c.546 §104; 1993 c.622 §6; renumbered 418.702 in 2005]

418.750 [1971 c.451 §3; 1973 c.110 §2; 1975 c.644 §4; 1981 c.892 §94; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

418.751 Training and education for persons investigating child abuse. (1) The Department of Human Services, as provided in ORS 418.702, and the Department of Justice shall ensure that training and education are provided for persons, other than law enforcement officers, who are required to investigate allegations of child abuse. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Justice shall consult with the State Commission on Children and Families in assessing the grant funding that might be distributed to enhance and support training and continuing education for the county multidisciplinary child abuse teams.

(2) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Justice shall work with the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure that the training that is offered to persons under subsection (1) of this section and ORS 418.702 is coordinated with the training given to law enforcement officers. [1993 c.637 §§6,12; 2001 c.624 §5; 2005 c.562 §8]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.753 [1995 c.757 §1; 1997 c.714 §3; 2005 c.562 §9; renumbered 418.706 in 2005]

418.755 [1971 c.451 §4; 1975 c.644 §7; 1977 c.741 §1; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

418.756 [1997 c.714 §1; renumbered 418.704 in 2005]

418.760 [1971 c.451 §5; 1975 c.644 §8; 1977 c.741 §2; 1983 c.815 §13; 1985 c.723 §2; 1989 c.998 §2; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

418.762 [1975 c.644 §6; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

418.764 [1977 c.97 §2; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

418.765 [1971 c.451 §6; 1973 c.306 §1; 1975 c.644 §9; 1977 c.741 §3; 1989 c.371 §1; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

418.770 [1971 c.451 §7; 1973 c.306 §2; 1975 c.644 §10; 1977 c.741 §4; 1983 c.153 §1; 1985 c.601 §1; 1987 c.906 §8; 1993 c.33 §330; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

418.775 [Formerly 146.770; 1973 c.110 §1; 1975 c.644 §11; 1981 c.892 §95; repealed by 1993 c.546 §141]

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT CENTERS AND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SERVICES

418.780 Purpose. (1) The Legislative Assembly recognizes that:

(a) Protection of the child is of primary importance.

(b) A serious need exists for a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to the prevention and investigation of child abuse, for intervention and for the treatment of children who are victims of child abuse in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of children. No child in this state should be denied access to a child abuse medical assessment because of an inability to pay. The cost of not assessing and treating abused children with the aid of specially trained personnel is too high.

(2) The purpose of ORS 418.746 to 418.796 is to establish and maintain:

(a) Sufficient county multidisciplinary child abuse teams to conduct timely investigations of allegations of child abuse and provide comprehensive services to victims of child abuse through coordinated child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plans.

(b) Sufficient regional assessment centers and community assessment centers in Oregon to ensure that every child reasonably suspected to have been subjected to child abuse receives a skilled, complete and therapeutic child abuse medical assessment. [1991 c.898 §1; 1993 c.33 §331; 1997 c.872 §32; 2001 c.624 §6; 2005 c.562 §4]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.782 Definitions for ORS 418.746 to 418.796. As used in ORS 418.746 to 418.796:

(1) “Child abuse” means “abuse” as defined by ORS 419B.005.

(2) “Child abuse medical assessment” means an assessment by or under the direction of a licensed physician or other licensed health care professional trained in the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of child abuse. “Child abuse medical assessment” includes the taking of a thorough medical history, a complete physical examination and an interview for the purpose of making a medical diagnosis, determining whether or not the child has been abused and identifying the appropriate treatment or referral for follow-up for the child.

(3) “Community assessment center” means a neutral, child-sensitive community-based facility or service provider to which a child from the community may be referred to receive a thorough child abuse medical assessment for the purpose of determining whether the child has been abused or neglected.

(4) “Regional assessment center” means a facility operated by a community assessment center that provides child abuse medical assessments, assistance with difficult or complex child abuse medical assessments, education, training, consultation, technical assistance and referral services for community assessment centers or county multidisciplinary child abuse teams in a region or regions designated by the administrator of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program. [1991 c.898 §2; 1993 c.546 §105; 1993 c.622 §8; 1997 c.872 §33; 1997 c.873 §32; 2005 c.562 §10]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.783 Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program. (1) The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program is established in the Department of Justice. The purpose of the program is to:

- (a) Establish and maintain a coordinated multidisciplinary community-based system for responding to allegations of child abuse that is sensitive to the needs of children;
 - (b) Ensure the safety and health of children who are victims of child abuse to the greatest extent possible; and
 - (c) Administer the grant programs established under ORS 418.746 and 418.786.
- (2) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee is the administrator of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program and of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account established in ORS 418.746. [2005 c.562 §2]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.784 Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment; membership; officers; meetings; quorum. (1) There is created the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment, consisting of at least nine members appointed by the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall serve as an ex officio member of the council. The council shall direct the administrator of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program on the administration of funds to establish and maintain regional assessment centers or community assessment centers under ORS 418.746 to 418.796.

- (2) Of the members appointed to the council:
- (a) One member shall be an employee of the Department of Human Services with duties related to child protective services;
 - (b) One member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in Oregon who specializes in children and families;
 - (c) One member shall be a person having experience dealing with child abuse;
 - (d) One member shall be a district attorney or the designee of a district attorney;
 - (e) One member shall be an employee of a law enforcement agency, in addition to the member who is a district attorney or the designee of a district attorney;
 - (f) One member shall be from an operating regional assessment center; and
 - (g) At least three members shall be citizens with appropriate interest in advocating for the medical interest of abused children.
- (3) Members of the council who are not state employees:
- (a) Are not entitled to compensation; and
 - (b) Are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties as members of the council if there are sufficient funds available in the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account established in ORS 418.746.
- (4) Members of the council who are state employees carrying out their state employment functions are entitled to compensation and reimbursement by their employing agencies for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties as members of the council.
- (5) The council shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson, for such terms and with such duties and powers as the council determines.

(6) The council shall meet at least four times per year at a place, day and hour determined by the council.

(7) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. [1991 c.898 §3; 1993 c.33 §332; 1997 c.872 §34; 1999 c.59 §115; 2001 c.624 §7; 2003 c.354 §3; 2005 c.562 §25]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.785 Child Fatality Review Teams. (1) Each county multidisciplinary child abuse team shall establish a child fatality review team to conduct child fatality reviews. The purpose of the review process is to help prevent severe and fatal child abuse and neglect by:

- (a) Identifying local and state issues related to preventable child fatalities; and
- (b) Promoting implementation of recommendations at the county level.

(2) In establishing the review process and carrying out reviews, the child fatality review team shall be assisted by the county medical examiner or county health officer as well as other professionals who are specially trained in areas relevant to the purpose of the team.

(3) The categories of fatalities reviewed by the child fatality review team include:

- (a) Child fatalities in which child abuse or neglect may have occurred at any time prior to death or may have been a factor in the fatality;
- (b) Any category established by the county multidisciplinary child abuse team;
- (c) All child fatalities where the child is less than 18 years of age and there is an autopsy performed by the medical examiner; and

(d) Any specific cases recommended for local review by the statewide interdisciplinary team established under ORS 418.748.

(4) A child fatality review team shall develop a written protocol for review of child fatalities. The protocol shall be designed to facilitate communication and the exchange of information between persons who perform autopsies and those professionals and agencies concerned with the prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

(5) Within the guidelines, and in a format, established by the statewide interdisciplinary team established under ORS 418.748, the child fatality review team shall provide the statewide interdisciplinary team with information regarding the categories of child fatalities described under subsection (3) of this section.

(6) Upon the conclusion of a criminal case involving a child fatality, or upon the conclusion of a direct appeal if one is taken, the district attorney may submit a letter to the Governor and the Director of Human Services outlining recommendations for the systemic improvement of child abuse investigations. [2005 c.562 §20; 2007 c.674 §8]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.786 Grant program. To accomplish the purpose described in ORS 418.780, with the assistance of the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment, the administrator of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program shall develop and administer a grant program to establish and maintain regional assessment centers and community assessment centers under ORS 418.746 to 418.796. [1991 c.898 §4; 1993 c.33 §333; 1997 c.872 §35; 2001 c.624 §8; 2005 c.562 §11]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.788 Grant application; criteria for awarding grants; rules. (1) Subject to the availability of funds under the provisions of ORS 418.796, the administrator of the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program shall make grants for the establishment and maintenance of regional assessment centers or community assessment centers.

(2) A public or private agency may apply to the administrator for a grant to establish and maintain a regional assessment center or community assessment center under ORS 418.746 to 418.796. The administrator may consolidate applications from more than one public or private agency or may return the application with the recommendation that the application be consolidated.

(3) The administrator shall by rule establish criteria for awarding grants to establish and maintain regional assessment centers or community assessment centers under ORS 418.746 to 418.796, including but not limited to:

(a) Expenses eligible for reimbursement from funds under ORS 418.796;

(b) The extent to which the applicant's proposed assessment center will best accomplish the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796;

(c) The extent to which an applicant meets criteria for receiving a grant to establish and maintain a regional assessment center or community assessment center; and

(d) For a regional assessment center, the extent to which the applicant's proposed assessment center meets the documented needs of the communities, community assessment centers and county multidisciplinary child abuse teams in the region or regions to be served by the center.

(4) The administrator is not required to fund any grant in the total amount requested in the application. [1991 c.898 §5; 1993 c.33 §334; 1997 c.872 §36; 2001 c.624 §9; 2003 c.354 §4; 2005 c.562 §12]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.790 Application contents for regional centers; rules. Each application for funds to establish or maintain a regional assessment center shall include information required by the rules of the Department of Justice and any other information requested by the department. [1991 c.898 §§6,8; 1993 c.33 §335; 1997 c.872 §37; 2001 c.104 §147; 2001 c.624 §14; 2003 c.354 §5; 2005 c.562 §13; 2009 c.296 §2]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.792 Application contents for community assessment center. Each application for funds to provide a community assessment center shall include:

(1) Evidence indicating that the applicant has at least one medical practitioner trained in the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

(2) A commitment by the medical practitioner:

(a) To attend annual continuing education courses regarding evaluation and diagnosis of child abuse and neglect; and

(b) To refer complex cases, as defined by the Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment by rule, to a regional assessment center.

(3) Evidence indicating the proposed community assessment center has access to special

equipment used in the evaluation of child abuse.

(4) A description of where the community assessment center is to be located, including but not limited to a hospital, medical clinic or other appropriate public or private agency. However, the proposed center shall not be located in an office of the Department of Human Services or in the office of any law enforcement agency.

(5) The level of support available to the proposed community assessment center through in-kind contributions from the community.

(6) A description of procedures to be followed by the proposed community assessment center, including the availability of personnel from the community assessment center to testify in cases involving alleged abuse of children evaluated by the center. [1991 c.898 §7; 1997 c.130 §10; 1997 c.872 §38; 2005 c.562 §14]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.793 Report to Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program; rules. Once each year, a regional assessment center or community assessment center established under ORS 418.746 to 418.796 shall submit a report to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program describing how the assessment center has met the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796. The program may prescribe by rule a form for the report. [2001 c.624 §12; 2005 c.562 §15]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.794 Confidentiality of video recordings. Video recordings produced pursuant to ORS 418.746 to 418.796 shall remain in the custody of the regional assessment center or the community assessment center and shall remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure except under a lawfully issued subpoena and protective order. [1991 c.898 §9; 1993 c.33 §336; 2005 c.562 §16]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.795 Confidentiality of information and records. (1) All information and records acquired by a county multidisciplinary child abuse team established under ORS 418.747 or a child fatality review team established under ORS 418.785 in the exercise of its duties are confidential and may be disclosed only when necessary to carry out the purposes of the child abuse investigation or the child fatality review process.

(2) A member agency of a county multidisciplinary child abuse team or a member of the team may use or disclose protected health information without obtaining an authorization from an individual or a personal representative of the individual if use or disclosure is necessary for public health purposes, including the prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse.

(3) A child fatality review team shall have access to and subpoena power to obtain all medical records, hospital records and records maintained by any state, county or local agency, including, but not limited to, police investigative data, coroner or medical examiner investigative data and social services records, as necessary to complete a child abuse investigation or a review of a specific fatality under ORS 418.785.

(4) As used in this section, “personal representative” and “protected health information” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 192.556. [2005 c.562 §19]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.796 Authority of council to solicit and accept contributions. The Advisory Council on Child Abuse Assessment may solicit and accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States, its agencies or from other sources, public or private, and agree to conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796. All funds received are to aid in financing the functions of the advisory council and the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796 and shall be deposited in the General Fund of the State Treasury to the credit of a separate account and are continuously appropriated to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program established by ORS 418.783 for the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796. [1991 c.898 §10; 1993 c.33 §337; 1997 c.872 §39; 2001 c.624 §10; 2005 c.562 §17]

Note: See note under 418.746.

418.800 Review of certain cases by county multidisciplinary child abuse team. (1) If, in a case of alleged child sexual abuse as described in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(C), (D) or (E) by a parent, guardian or caregiver living in the child's home, the Department of Human Services asks the parent, guardian or caregiver to move from the family home during the investigation and the parent, guardian or caregiver consents to leave the family home, the department shall notify the district attorney responsible for the county multidisciplinary child abuse team for the county in which the child resides about the case. The notification shall be in writing and be given no later than three business days after the departure of the parent, guardian or caregiver from the family home.

(2) A parent, guardian or caregiver who consents to leave the family home as described in subsection (1) of this section or the spouse of the parent, guardian or caregiver may ask the district attorney responsible for the team for a review of the case by the team.

(3) No later than 90 days after receiving a request under subsection (2) of this section, the team shall:

(a) Review the case and consider at least the following:

(A) Whether the investigation should continue;

(B) The welfare of the child and the adults living in the family home; and

(C) The proposed timeline for completing the investigation; and

(b) Provide to the person who requested the review a summary of the proposed timeline for completing the investigation.

(4)(a) This section may not be construed to create a new private right of action against a district attorney or any member of a county multidisciplinary child abuse team.

(b) A district attorney and members of a county multidisciplinary child abuse team reviewing a case under subsection (2) of this section are immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to reviewing a case, failing to review a case referred to the team under subsection (2) of this section or providing to the person who requested the review a summary of the proposed timeline for completing the investigation.

(c) The act of reviewing a case or failing to review a case referred to the team under subsection (2) of this section or providing or failing to provide a summary to the person who requested the review may not be used by a defendant in any subsequent criminal prosecution or juvenile proceeding. [2005 c.499 §2]

Note: 418.800 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 418 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

418.805 [1969 c.641 §1; 1977 c.717 §20; 1979 c.745 §1; 1987 c.794 §1; renumbered 657A.250 in 1993]

418.810 [1969 c.641 §2; 1971 c.401 §48; 1975 c.311 §1; 1987 c.794 §4; 1993 c.344 §31; 1993 c.469 §6; renumbered 657A.280 in 1993]

418.815 [1969 c.641 §3; 1971 c.401 §49; 1985 c.792 §2; 1991 c.390 §3; 1993 c.344 §32; renumbered 657A.290 in 1993]

418.817 [1987 c.621 §12; 1987 c.794 §3; renumbered 657A.440 in 1993]

418.820 [1969 c.641 §4; 1975 c.268 §1; 1985 c.792 §3; 1989 c.439 §2; 1991 c.390 §2; 1993 c.344 §33; renumbered 657A.260 in 1993]

418.825 [1969 c.641 §5; 1971 c.401 §50; 1993 c.344 §34; renumbered 657A.300 in 1993]

418.830 [1969 c.641 §6; 1971 c.401 §51; 1975 c.311 §2; 1993 c.344 §35; renumbered 657A.310 in 1993]

418.835 [1969 c.641 §7; 1971 c.401 §52; 1993 c.344 §36; 1993 c.733 §4; renumbered 657A.270 in 1993]

418.840 [1969 c.641 §8; 1975 c.268 §2; 1993 c.344 §37; 1993 c.733 §5; renumbered 657A.350 in 1993]

418.845 [1969 c.641 §9; 1971 c.401 §53; 1973 c.612 §19; 1993 c.344 §38; 1993 c.733 §6; renumbered 657A.360 in 1993]

418.850 [1969 c.641 §11; 1971 c.401 §54; 1975 c.311 §3; 1993 c.344 §39; renumbered 657A.390 in 1993]

418.855 [1969 c.641 §12; 1971 c.401 §55; 1987 c.794 §6; 1993 c.344 §40; renumbered 657A.400 in 1993]

418.860 [1969 c.641 §13; 1971 c.401 §56; 1993 c.344 §41; renumbered 657A.410 in 1993]

418.865 [1969 c.641 §15; 1971 c.401 §57; 1993 c.344 §42; renumbered 657A.420 in 1993]

418.870 [1969 c.641 §14; 1971 c.401 §58; 1993 c.344 §43; renumbered 657A.370 in 1993]

418.875 [1969 c.641 §4a; 1971 c.401 §59; repealed by 1975 c.352 §2]

418.880 [1969 c.641 §§4b,4c; 1971 c.401 §60; repealed by 1975 c.352 §2]

418.885 [1969 c.641 §10; 1971 c.401 §61; 1993 c.344 §44; renumbered 657A.450 in 1993]

418.890 [1979 c.745 §2; renumbered 657A.460 in 1993]

418.900 [1979 c.524 §1; 1989 c.302 §1; renumbered 657A.500 in 1993]

418.905 [1979 c.524 §2; 1985 c.650 §1; 1987 c.585 §2; 1989 c.302 §2; 1993 c.344 §45; renumbered 657A.510 in 1993]

418.910 [1979 c.524 §3; 1989 c.302 §3; 1993 c.344 §46; renumbered 657A.520 in 1993]

418.915 [1979 c.524 §4; 1991 c.67 §109; 1993 c.344 §47; renumbered 657A.530 in 1993]

418.920 [1979 c.524 §5; 1991 c.67 §110; repealed by 1993 c.344 §49]

REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

419B.005 Definitions. As used in ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1)(a) “Abuse” means:

(A) Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any physical injury to a child which has been caused by other than accidental means, including any injury which appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.

(B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only observable and substantial impairment of the child’s mental or psychological ability to function caused by cruelty to the child, with due regard to the culture of the child.

(C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and incest, as those acts are described in ORS chapter 163.

(D) Sexual abuse, as described in ORS chapter 163.

(E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:

(i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS chapter 163, and any other conduct which allows, employs, authorizes, permits, induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to observe or the photographing, filming, tape recording or other exhibition which, in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct which is part of any investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or which is designed to serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and

(ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in prostitution or to patronize a prostitute, as defined in ORS chapter 167.

(F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.

(G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm

to the child's health or welfare.

(H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age as described in ORS 163.537.

(I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.

(J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS 475.005, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or safety.

(b) "Abuse" does not include reasonable discipline unless the discipline results in one of the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) "Child" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age.

(3) "Law enforcement agency" means:

(a) A city or municipal police department.

(b) A county sheriff's office.

(c) The Oregon State Police.

(d) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.383.

(e) A county juvenile department.

(4) "Public or private official" means:

(a) Physician, osteopathic physician, physician assistant, naturopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, including any intern or resident.

(b) Dentist.

(c) School employee.

(d) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse's aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.

(e) Employee of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, State Commission on Children and Families, Child Care Division of the Employment Department, the Oregon Youth Authority, a county health department, a community mental health program, a community developmental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a licensed child-caring agency or an alcohol and drug treatment program.

(f) Peace officer.

(g) Psychologist.

(h) Member of the clergy.

(i) Regulated social worker.

(j) Optometrist.

(k) Chiropractor.

(L) Certified provider of foster care, or an employee thereof.

(m) Attorney.

(n) Licensed professional counselor.

(o) Licensed marriage and family therapist.

(p) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.

(q) A court appointed special advocate, as defined in ORS 419A.004.

(r) A child care provider registered or certified under ORS 657A.030 and 657A.250 to 657A.450.

(s) Member of the Legislative Assembly.

(t) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.

(u) Audiologist.

(v) Speech-language pathologist.

(w) Employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission directly involved in

investigations or discipline by the commission.

(x) Pharmacist.

(y) An operator of a preschool recorded program under ORS 657A.255.

(z) An operator of a school-age recorded program under ORS 657A.257.

(aa) Employee of a private agency or organization facilitating the provision of respite services, as defined in ORS 418.205, for parents pursuant to a properly executed power of attorney under ORS 109.056. [1993 c.546 §12; 1993 c.622 §1a; 1995 c.278 §50; 1995 c.766 §1; 1997 c.127 §1; 1997 c.561 §3; 1997 c.703 §3; 1997 c.873 §30; 1999 c.743 §22; 1999 c.954 §4; 2001 c.104 §148; 2003 c.191 §1; 2005 c.562 §26; 2005 c.708 §4; 2009 c.199 §1; 2009 c.442 §36; 2009 c.518 §1; 2009 c.570 §6; 2009 c.595 §364; 2009 c.633 §10; 2009 c.708 §3; 2010 c.60 §§4,5; 2011 c.151 §12; 2011 c.506 §38; 2011 c.703 §34]

419B.007 Policy. The Legislative Assembly finds that for the purpose of facilitating the use of protective social services to prevent further abuse, safeguard and enhance the welfare of abused children, and preserve family life when consistent with the protection of the child by stabilizing the family and improving parental capacity, it is necessary and in the public interest to require mandatory reports and investigations of abuse of children and to encourage voluntary reports. [1993 c.546 §13]

419B.010 Duty of officials to report child abuse; exceptions; penalty. (1) Any public or private official having reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the official comes in contact has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the official comes in contact has abused a child shall immediately report or cause a report to be made in the manner required in ORS 419B.015. Nothing contained in ORS 40.225 to 40.295 or 419B.234 (6) affects the duty to report imposed by this section, except that a psychiatrist, psychologist, member of the clergy, attorney or guardian ad litem appointed under ORS 419B.231 is not required to report such information communicated by a person if the communication is privileged under ORS 40.225 to 40.295 or 419B.234 (6). An attorney is not required to make a report under this section by reason of information communicated to the attorney in the course of representing a client if disclosure of the information would be detrimental to the client.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a report need not be made under this section if the public or private official acquires information relating to abuse by reason of a report made under this section, or by reason of a proceeding arising out of a report made under this section, and the public or private official reasonably believes that the information is already known by a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services.

(3) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a Class A violation. Prosecution under this subsection shall be commenced at any time within 18 months after commission of the offense. [1993 c.546 §14; 1999 c.1051 §180; 2001 c.104 §149; 2001 c.904 §15; 2005 c.450 §7]

419B.015 Report form and content; notice. (1)(a) A person making a report of child abuse, whether the report is made voluntarily or is required by ORS 419B.010, shall make an oral report by telephone or otherwise to the local office of the Department of Human Services, to the designee of the department or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of the contact. The report shall contain, if known, the names and addresses of the child and the parents of the child or other persons responsible for

care of the child, the child's age, the nature and extent of the abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse, the explanation given for the abuse and any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse and the identity of the perpetrator.

(b) When a report of child abuse is received by the department, the department shall notify a law enforcement agency within the county where the report was made. When a report of child abuse is received by a designee of the department, the designee shall notify, according to the contract, either the department or a law enforcement agency within the county where the report was made. When a report of child abuse is received by a law enforcement agency, the agency shall notify the local office of the department within the county where the report was made.

(2) When a report of child abuse is received under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the entity receiving the report shall make the notification required by subsection (1)(b) of this section according to rules adopted by the department under ORS 419B.017.

(3)(a) When a report alleging that a child or ward in substitute care may have been subjected to abuse is received by the department, the department shall notify the attorney for the child or ward, the child's or ward's court appointed special advocate, the parents of the child or ward and any attorney representing a parent of the child or ward that a report has been received.

(b) The name and address of and other identifying information about the person who made the report may not be disclosed under this subsection. Any person or entity to whom notification is made under this subsection may not release any information not authorized by this subsection.

(c) The department shall make the notification required by this subsection within three business days of receiving the report of abuse.

(d) Notwithstanding the obligation imposed by this subsection, the department is not required under this subsection to notify the parent or parent's attorney that a report of abuse has been received if the notification may interfere with an investigation or assessment or jeopardize the child's or ward's safety. [1993 c.546 §15; 1993 c.734 §1a; 2005 c.250 §1; 2007 c.237 §1]

419B.016 Offense of false report of child abuse. (1) A person commits the offense of making a false report of child abuse if, with the intent to influence a custody, parenting time, visitation or child support decision, the person:

(a) Makes a false report of child abuse to the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency, knowing that the report is false; or

(b) With the intent that a public or private official make a report of child abuse to the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency, makes a false report of child abuse to the public or private official, knowing that the report is false.

(2) Making a false report of child abuse is a Class A violation. [2011 c.606 §2]

Note: 419B.016 was added to and made a part of 419B.005 to 419B.050 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

419B.017 Time limits for notification between law enforcement agencies and Department of Human Services; rules. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules establishing:

(a) The time within which the notification required by ORS 419B.015 (1)(a) must be made. At a minimum, the rules shall:

(A) Establish which reports of child abuse require notification within 24 hours after receipt;
(B) Provide that all other reports of child abuse require notification within 10 days after receipt; and

(C) Establish criteria that enable the department, the designee of the department or a law enforcement agency to quickly and easily identify reports that require notification within 24 hours after receipt.

(b) How the notification is to be made.

(2) The department shall appoint an advisory committee to advise the department in adopting rules required by this section. The department shall include as members of the advisory committee representatives of law enforcement agencies and multidisciplinary teams formed pursuant to ORS 418.747 and other interested parties.

(3) In adopting rules required by this section, the department shall balance the need for providing other entities with the information contained in a report received under ORS 419B.015 with the resources required to make the notification.

(4) The department may recommend practices and procedures to local law enforcement agencies to meet the requirements of rules adopted under this section. [2005 c.250 §3]

Note: 419B.017 was added to and made a part of 419B.005 to 419B.050 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

419B.020 Duty of department or law enforcement agency receiving report; investigation; notice to parents; physical examination; child's consent; notice at conclusion of investigation. (1) If the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency receives a report of child abuse, the department or the agency shall immediately:

(a) Cause an investigation to be made to determine the nature and cause of the abuse of the child; and

(b) Notify the Child Care Division if the alleged child abuse occurred in a child care facility as defined in ORS 657A.250.

(2) If the abuse reported in subsection (1) of this section is alleged to have occurred at a child care facility:

(a) The department and the law enforcement agency shall jointly determine the roles and responsibilities of the department and the agency in their respective investigations; and

(b) The department and the agency shall each report the outcomes of their investigations to the Child Care Division.

(3) If the law enforcement agency conducting the investigation finds reasonable cause to believe that abuse has occurred, the law enforcement agency shall notify by oral report followed by written report the local office of the department. The department shall provide protective social services of its own or of other available social agencies if necessary to prevent further abuses to the child or to safeguard the child's welfare.

(4) If a child is taken into protective custody by the department, the department shall promptly make reasonable efforts to ascertain the name and address of the child's parents or guardian.

(5)(a) If a child is taken into protective custody by the department or a law enforcement official, the department or law enforcement official shall, if possible, make reasonable efforts to advise the parents or guardian immediately, regardless of the time of day, that the child has been

taken into custody, the reasons the child has been taken into custody and general information about the child's placement, and the telephone number of the local office of the department and any after-hours telephone numbers.

(b) Notice may be given by any means reasonably certain of notifying the parents or guardian, including but not limited to written, telephonic or in-person oral notification. If the initial notification is not in writing, the information required by paragraph (a) of this subsection also shall be provided to the parents or guardian in writing as soon as possible.

(c) The department also shall make a reasonable effort to notify the noncustodial parent of the information required by paragraph (a) of this subsection in a timely manner.

(d) If a child is taken into custody while under the care and supervision of a person or organization other than the parent, the department, if possible, shall immediately notify the person or organization that the child has been taken into protective custody.

(6) If a law enforcement officer or the department, when taking a child into protective custody, has reasonable cause to believe that the child has been affected by sexual abuse and rape of a child as defined in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(C) and that physical evidence of the abuse exists and is likely to disappear, the court may authorize a physical examination for the purposes of preserving evidence if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child to have such an examination. Nothing in this section affects the authority of the department to consent to physical examinations of the child at other times.

(7) A minor child of 12 years of age or older may refuse to consent to the examination described in subsection (6) of this section. The examination shall be conducted by or under the supervision of a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 or a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 678 and, whenever practicable, trained in conducting such examinations.

(8) When the department completes an investigation under this section, if the person who made the report of child abuse provided contact information to the department, the department shall notify the person about whether contact with the child was made, whether the department determined that child abuse occurred and whether services will be provided. The department is not required to disclose information under this subsection if the department determines that disclosure is not permitted under ORS 419B.035. [1993 c.546 §16; 1993 c.622 §7a; 1997 c.130 §13; 1997 c.703 §1; 1997 c.873 §33; 2007 c.501 §4; 2007 c.781 §1]

419B.021 Degree requirements for persons conducting investigation or making determination regarding child. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the following persons must possess a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education:

(a) A person who conducts an investigation under ORS 419B.020; and

(b) A person who makes the following determinations:

(A) That a child must be taken into protective custody under ORS 419B.150; and

(B) That the child should not be released to the child's parent or other responsible person under ORS 419B.165 (2).

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) A person who was employed or otherwise engaged by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of conducting investigations or making determinations before January 1, 2012, provided the person's employment or engagement for these purposes has been continuous and uninterrupted.

(b) A law enforcement official as that term is defined in ORS 147.005. [2011 c.431 §1]

Note: Section 2, chapter 431, Oregon Laws 2011, provides:

Sec. 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act [419B.021] applies to child abuse investigations and protective custody determinations made on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act [January 1, 2012]. [2011 c.431 §2]

Note: 419B.021 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 419B or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

419B.022 Short title. ORS 419B.023 and 419B.024 shall be known and may be cited as “Karly’s Law.” [2007 c.674 §1]

Note: 419B.022 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 419B or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

419B.023 Duties of person conducting investigation under ORS 419B.020. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Designated medical professional” means the person described in ORS 418.747 (9) or the person’s designee.

(b) “Suspicious physical injury” includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Burns or scalds;

(B) Extensive bruising or abrasions on any part of the body;

(C) Bruising, swelling or abrasions on the head, neck or face;

(D) Fractures of any bone in a child under the age of three;

(E) Multiple fractures in a child of any age;

(F) Dislocations, soft tissue swelling or moderate to severe cuts;

(G) Loss of the ability to walk or move normally according to the child’s developmental ability;

(H) Unconsciousness or difficulty maintaining consciousness;

(I) Multiple injuries of different types;

(J) Injuries causing serious or protracted disfigurement or loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ; or

(K) Any other injury that threatens the physical well-being of the child.

(2) If a person conducting an investigation under ORS 419B.020 observes a child who has suffered suspicious physical injury and the person is certain or has a reasonable suspicion that the injury is or may be the result of abuse, the person shall, in accordance with the protocols and procedures of the county multidisciplinary child abuse team described in ORS 418.747:

(a) Immediately photograph or cause to have photographed the suspicious physical injuries in accordance with ORS 419B.028; and

(b) Ensure that a designated medical professional conducts a medical assessment within 48 hours, or sooner if dictated by the child’s medical needs.

(3) The requirement of subsection (2) of this section shall apply:

(a) Each time suspicious physical injury is observed by Department of Human Services or law enforcement personnel:

(A) During the investigation of a new allegation of abuse; or
(B) If the injury was not previously observed by a person conducting an investigation under ORS 419B.020; and

(b) Regardless of whether the child has previously been photographed or assessed during an investigation of an allegation of abuse.

(4)(a) Department or law enforcement personnel shall make a reasonable effort to locate a designated medical professional. If after reasonable efforts a designated medical professional is not available to conduct a medical assessment within 48 hours, the child shall be evaluated by an available physician.

(b) If the child is evaluated by a health care provider as defined in ORS 127.505 other than a designated medical professional, the health care provider shall make photographs, clinical notes, diagnostic and testing results and any other relevant materials available to the designated medical professional for consultation within 72 hours following evaluation of the child.

(c) The person conducting the medical assessment may consult with and obtain records from the child's regular pediatrician or family physician under ORS 419B.050.

(5) Nothing in this section prevents a person conducting a child abuse investigation from seeking immediate medical treatment from a hospital emergency room or other medical provider for a child who is physically injured or otherwise in need of immediate medical care.

(6) If the child described in subsection (2) of this section is less than five years of age, the designated medical professional may, within 14 days, refer the child for a screening for early intervention services or early childhood special education, as those terms are defined in ORS 343.035. The referral may not indicate the child is subject to a child abuse investigation unless written consent is obtained from the child's parent authorizing such disclosure. If the child is already receiving those services, or is enrolled in the Head Start program, a person involved in the delivery of those services to the child shall be invited to participate in the county multidisciplinary child abuse team's review of the case and shall be provided with paid time to do so by the person's employer.

(7) Nothing in this section limits the rights provided to minors in ORS chapter 109 or the ability of a minor to refuse to consent to the medical assessment described in this section. [2007 c.674 §3; 2009 c.296 §1]

Note: 419B.023 was added to and made a part of 419B.005 to 419B.050 by legislative action but was not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

419B.024 Critical Incident Response Team for child fatality; rules. (1) The Department of Human Services shall assign a Critical Incident Response Team within 24 hours after the department determines that a child fatality was likely the result of child abuse or neglect if:

(a) The child was in the custody of the department at the time of death; or

(b) The child was the subject of a child protective services assessment by the department within the 12 months preceding the fatality.

(2) During the course of its review of the case, the Critical Incident Response Team may include or consult with the district attorney from the county in which the incident resulting in the fatality occurred.

(3) The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The rules adopted by the department shall substantially conform with the department's child welfare

protocol regarding Notification and Review of Critical Incidents. [2007 c.674 §4]

Note: 419B.024 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 419B or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

419B.025 Immunity of person making report in good faith. Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report of child abuse and who has reasonable grounds for the making thereof shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making or content of such report. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report. [1993 c.546 §17]

419B.028 Photographing child during investigation; photographs as records. (1) In carrying out its duties under ORS 419B.020, any law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services may photograph or cause to have photographed any child subject of the investigation for purposes of preserving evidence of the child's condition at the time of the investigation. Photographs of the anal or genital region may be taken only by medical personnel.

(2) When a child is photographed pursuant to ORS 419B.023, the person taking the photographs or causing to have the photographs taken shall, within 48 hours or by the end of the next regular business day, whichever occurs later:

(a) Provide hard copies or prints of the photographs and, if available, copies of the photographs in an electronic format to the designated medical professional described in ORS 418.747 (9); and

(b) Place hard copies or prints of the photographs and, if available, copies of the photographs in an electronic format in any relevant files pertaining to the child maintained by the law enforcement agency or the department.

(3) For purposes of ORS 419B.035, photographs taken under authority of this section shall be considered records. [1993 c.546 §18; 2007 c.674 §5]

419B.030 Central registry of reports. (1) A central state registry shall be established and maintained by the Department of Human Services. The local offices of the department shall report to the state registry in writing when an investigation has shown reasonable cause to believe that a child's condition was the result of abuse even if the cause remains unknown. Each registry shall contain current information from reports cataloged both as to the name of the child and the name of the family.

(2) When the department provides specific case information from the central state registry, the department shall include a notice that the information does not necessarily reflect any subsequent proceedings that are not within the jurisdiction of the department. [1993 c.546 §19]

419B.035 Confidentiality of records; when available to others. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 192.001 to 192.170, 192.210 to 192.505 and 192.610 to 192.990 relating to confidentiality and accessibility for public inspection of public records and public documents, reports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 are confidential and may not be disclosed except as provided in this section. The Department of Human Services shall make the records available to:

(a) Any law enforcement agency or a child abuse registry in any other state for the purpose of subsequent investigation of child abuse;

(b) Any physician, at the request of the physician, regarding any child brought to the physician or coming before the physician for examination, care or treatment;

(c) Attorneys of record for the child or child's parent or guardian in any juvenile court proceeding;

(d) Citizen review boards established by the Judicial Department for the purpose of periodically reviewing the status of children, youths and youth offenders under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under ORS 419B.100 and 419C.005. Citizen review boards may make such records available to participants in case reviews;

(e) A court appointed special advocate in any juvenile court proceeding in which it is alleged that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect;

(f) The Child Care Division for certifying, registering or otherwise regulating child care facilities;

(g) The Office of Children's Advocate;

(h) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for investigations conducted under ORS 342.176 involving any child or any student in grade 12 or below;

(i) Any person, upon request to the Department of Human Services, if the reports or records requested regard an incident in which a child, as the result of abuse, died or suffered serious physical injury as defined in ORS 161.015. Reports or records disclosed under this paragraph must be disclosed in accordance with ORS 192.410 to 192.505; and

(j) The Child Care Division of the Employment Department for purposes of ORS 657A.030 (8)(g).

(2)(a) When disclosing reports and records pursuant to subsection (1)(i) of this section, the Department of Human Services may exempt from disclosure the names, addresses and other identifying information about other children, witnesses, victims or other persons named in the report or record if the department determines, in written findings, that the safety or well-being of a person named in the report or record may be jeopardized by disclosure of the names, addresses or other identifying information, and if that concern outweighs the public's interest in the disclosure of that information.

(b) If the Department of Human Services does not have a report or record of abuse regarding a child who, as the result of abuse, died or suffered serious physical injury as defined in ORS 161.015, the department may disclose that information.

(3) The Department of Human Services may make reports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to any person, administrative hearings officer, court, agency, organization or other entity when the department determines that such disclosure is necessary to administer its child welfare services and is in the best interests of the affected child, or that such disclosure is necessary to investigate, prevent or treat child abuse and neglect, to protect children from abuse and neglect or for research when the Director of Human Services gives prior written approval. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules setting forth the procedures by which it will make the disclosures authorized under this subsection or subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The name, address and other identifying information about the person who made the report may not be disclosed pursuant to this subsection and subsection (1) of this section.

(4) A law enforcement agency may make reports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to other law enforcement agencies, district attorneys,

city attorneys with criminal prosecutorial functions and the Attorney General when the law enforcement agency determines that disclosure is necessary for the investigation or enforcement of laws relating to child abuse and neglect.

(5) A law enforcement agency, upon completing an investigation and closing the file in a specific case relating to child abuse or neglect, shall make reports and records in the case available upon request to any law enforcement agency or community corrections agency in this state, to the Department of Corrections or to the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision for the purpose of managing and supervising offenders in custody or on probation, parole, post-prison supervision or other form of conditional or supervised release. A law enforcement agency may make reports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to law enforcement, community corrections, corrections or parole agencies in an open case when the law enforcement agency determines that the disclosure will not interfere with an ongoing investigation in the case. The name, address and other identifying information about the person who made the report may not be disclosed under this subsection or subsection (6)(b) of this section.

(6)(a) Any record made available to a law enforcement agency or community corrections agency in this state, to the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision or to a physician in this state, as authorized by subsections (1) to (5) of this section, shall be kept confidential by the agency, department, board or physician. Any record or report disclosed by the Department of Human Services to other persons or entities pursuant to subsections (1) and (3) of this section shall be kept confidential.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection:

(A) A law enforcement agency, a community corrections agency, the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision may disclose records made available to them under subsection (5) of this section to each other, to law enforcement, community corrections, corrections and parole agencies of other states and to authorized treatment providers for the purpose of managing and supervising offenders in custody or on probation, parole, post-prison supervision or other form of conditional or supervised release.

(B) A person may disclose records made available to the person under subsection (1)(i) of this section if the records are disclosed for the purpose of advancing the public interest.

(7) An officer or employee of the Department of Human Services or of a law enforcement agency or any person or entity to whom disclosure is made pursuant to subsections (1) to (6) of this section may not release any information not authorized by subsections (1) to (6) of this section.

(8) As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 181.010.

(9) A person who violates subsection (6)(a) or (7) of this section commits a Class A violation. [1993 c.546 §§20,20a; 1995 c.278 §51; 1997 c.328 §8; 1999 c.1051 §181; 2003 c.14 §224; 2003 c.412 §1; 2003 c.591 §8; 2005 c.317 §1; 2005 c.659 §2; 2009 c.348 §3; 2009 c.393 §1]

Note: The amendments to 419B.035 by section 4, chapter 348, Oregon Laws 2009, become operative January 1, 2014. See section 6, chapter 348, Oregon Laws 2009. The text that is operative on and after January 1, 2014, is set forth for the user's convenience.

419B.035. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 192.001 to 192.170, 192.210 to 192.505 and 192.610 to 192.990 relating to confidentiality and accessibility for public inspection of

public records and public documents, reports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 are confidential and may not be disclosed except as provided in this section. The Department of Human Services shall make the records available to:

(a) Any law enforcement agency or a child abuse registry in any other state for the purpose of subsequent investigation of child abuse;

(b) Any physician, at the request of the physician, regarding any child brought to the physician or coming before the physician for examination, care or treatment;

(c) Attorneys of record for the child or child's parent or guardian in any juvenile court proceeding;

(d) Citizen review boards established by the Judicial Department for the purpose of periodically reviewing the status of children, youths and youth offenders under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under ORS 419B.100 and 419C.005. Citizen review boards may make such records available to participants in case reviews;

(e) A court appointed special advocate in any juvenile court proceeding in which it is alleged that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect;

(f) The Child Care Division for certifying, registering or otherwise regulating child care facilities;

(g) The Office of Children's Advocate;

(h) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for investigations conducted under ORS 342.176 involving any child or any student in grade 12 or below; and

(i) Any person, upon request to the Department of Human Services, if the reports or records requested regard an incident in which a child, as the result of abuse, died or suffered serious physical injury as defined in ORS 161.015. Reports or records disclosed under this paragraph must be disclosed in accordance with ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

(2)(a) When disclosing reports and records pursuant to subsection (1)(i) of this section, the Department of Human Services may exempt from disclosure the names, addresses and other identifying information about other children, witnesses, victims or other persons named in the report or record if the department determines, in written findings, that the safety or well-being of a person named in the report or record may be jeopardized by disclosure of the names, addresses or other identifying information, and if that concern outweighs the public's interest in the disclosure of that information.

(b) If the Department of Human Services does not have a report or record of abuse regarding a child who, as the result of abuse, died or suffered serious physical injury as defined in ORS 161.015, the department may disclose that information.

(3) The Department of Human Services may make reports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to any person, administrative hearings officer, court, agency, organization or other entity when the department determines that such disclosure is necessary to administer its child welfare services and is in the best interests of the affected child, or that such disclosure is necessary to investigate, prevent or treat child abuse and neglect, to protect children from abuse and neglect or for research when the Director of Human Services gives prior written approval. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules setting forth the procedures by which it will make the disclosures authorized under this subsection or subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The name, address and other identifying information about the person who made the report may not be disclosed pursuant to this subsection and subsection (1) of this section.

(4) A law enforcement agency may make reports and records compiled under the provisions

of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to other law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, city attorneys with criminal prosecutorial functions and the Attorney General when the law enforcement agency determines that disclosure is necessary for the investigation or enforcement of laws relating to child abuse and neglect.

(5) A law enforcement agency, upon completing an investigation and closing the file in a specific case relating to child abuse or neglect, shall make reports and records in the case available upon request to any law enforcement agency or community corrections agency in this state, to the Department of Corrections or to the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision for the purpose of managing and supervising offenders in custody or on probation, parole, post-prison supervision or other form of conditional or supervised release. A law enforcement agency may make reports and records compiled under the provisions of ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050 available to law enforcement, community corrections, corrections or parole agencies in an open case when the law enforcement agency determines that the disclosure will not interfere with an ongoing investigation in the case. The name, address and other identifying information about the person who made the report may not be disclosed under this subsection or subsection (6)(b) of this section.

(6)(a) Any record made available to a law enforcement agency or community corrections agency in this state, to the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision or to a physician in this state, as authorized by subsections (1) to (5) of this section, shall be kept confidential by the agency, department, board or physician. Any record or report disclosed by the Department of Human Services to other persons or entities pursuant to subsections (1) and (3) of this section shall be kept confidential.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection:

(A) A law enforcement agency, a community corrections agency, the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision may disclose records made available to them under subsection (5) of this section to each other, to law enforcement, community corrections, corrections and parole agencies of other states and to authorized treatment providers for the purpose of managing and supervising offenders in custody or on probation, parole, post-prison supervision or other form of conditional or supervised release.

(B) A person may disclose records made available to the person under subsection (1)(i) of this section if the records are disclosed for the purpose of advancing the public interest.

(7) An officer or employee of the Department of Human Services or of a law enforcement agency or any person or entity to whom disclosure is made pursuant to subsections (1) to (6) of this section may not release any information not authorized by subsections (1) to (6) of this section.

(8) As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 181.010.

(9) A person who violates subsection (6)(a) or (7) of this section commits a Class A violation.

419B.040 Certain privileges not grounds for excluding evidence in court proceedings on child abuse. (1) In the case of abuse of a child, the privileges created in ORS 40.230 to 40.255, including the psychotherapist-patient privilege, the physician-patient privilege, the privileges extended to nurses, to staff members of schools and to regulated social workers and the husband-wife privilege, shall not be a ground for excluding evidence regarding a child's abuse, or the cause thereof, in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to ORS 419B.010

to 419B.050.

(2) In any judicial proceedings resulting from a report made pursuant to ORS 419B.010 to 419B.050, either spouse shall be a competent and compellable witness against the other. [1993 c.546 §21; 2009 c.442 §37]

419B.045 Investigation conducted on public school premises; notification; role of school personnel. If an investigation of a report of child abuse is conducted on public school premises, the school administrator shall first be notified that the investigation is to take place, unless the school administrator is a subject of the investigation. The school administrator or a school staff member designated by the administrator may, at the investigator's discretion, be present to facilitate the investigation. The Department of Human Services or the law enforcement agency making the investigation shall be advised of the child's disabling conditions, if any, prior to any interview with the affected child. A school administrator or staff member is not authorized to reveal anything that transpires during an investigation in which the administrator or staff member participates nor shall the information become part of the child's school records. The school administrator or staff member may testify at any subsequent trial resulting from the investigation and may be interviewed by the respective litigants prior to any such trial. [1993 c.546 §22; 2003 c.14 §225]

419B.050 Authority of health care provider to disclose information; immunity from liability. (1) Upon notice by a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services, a member agency of a county multidisciplinary child abuse team or a member of a county multidisciplinary child abuse team that a child abuse investigation is being conducted under ORS 419B.020, a health care provider must permit the law enforcement agency, the department, the member agency of the county multidisciplinary child abuse team or the member of the county multidisciplinary child abuse team to inspect and copy medical records, including, but not limited to, prenatal and birth records, of the child involved in the investigation without the consent of the child, or the parent or guardian of the child. A health care provider who in good faith disclosed medical records under this section is not civilly or criminally liable for the disclosure.

(2) As used in this section, "health care provider" has the meaning given that term in ORS 192.556. [1997 c.873 §27; 1999 c.537 §3; 2001 c.104 §150; 2005 c.562 §27]