

Oregon Children's Justice Act Annual Report May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, Application, and Three Year Assessment

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Introduction

The Oregon Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force was established in 1987 per the requirements set forth in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (PL 111-320) (CAPTA). The mission of the Task Force is to review and assess how the Oregon child protection and criminal justice systems handle child maltreatment cases (including abuse, neglect, fatalities, sexual abuse and exploitation and children with disabilities and serious health related problems who may have been abused or neglected) and to make recommendations for improving interventions with the goal of limiting additional trauma to children and their families.

Administration of the CJA in Oregon

In Oregon, the CJA grant has been administered by the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) beginning in 2018, when the grant transferred from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). The Oregon Department of Justice is headed by the Oregon Attorney General, Ellen F. Rosenblum, and has nine divisions:

- Office of the Attorney General
- Administrative Services Division
- Appellate Division
- Child Support Division
- Civil Enforcement Division
- Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division
- Criminal Justice Division
- General Counsel Division
- Trial Division

CVSSD administers federal victim services grants including the Victims of Crimes Act and the Violence Against Women Act, and State victim services grants including the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Survivor Housing Funds and the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary

Intervention Program (CAMI). CVSSD also administers the state's crime victims' compensation program and post-conviction victim advocacy program and provides statewide coordination and technical assistance in victims' rights and human trafficking. The administrator of the CAMI Program administers the CJA grant as the purpose and uses of both funds are closely aligned.

The connection between child abuse intervention and the Oregon Department of Justice is not limited to the Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division. The Child Advocacy Section of the Civil Enforcement Division helps protect abused, neglected, and abandoned children throughout Oregon by providing court representation and legal advice to the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Child Welfare Program. The District Attorney/Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) of the Criminal Justice Division supports district attorneys by providing around-the-clock legal advice and support investigating and prosecuting complex criminal cases including child abuse cases. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) of the Criminal Justice Division focuses on investigating, prosecuting and preventing the sexual exploitation of children on the internet.

Task Force Membership and Function

During the reporting period, May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, Oregon continued its work revitalizing the Task Force following transition in administration from the Oregon Department of Human Services to the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) two years prior. Under the administration of the Oregon Department of Human Services, the Child Welfare Advisory Committee (an advisory committee convened by the Department of Human Services) served as the state's Task Force. As the grant transitioned to the Oregon Department of Justice, the Oregon Department of Justice asked the members of its Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Advisory Council (CAMI AC), who advise the Oregon Department of Justice on administration of the CAMI Program, to participate on the Task Force. We recruited additional members to meet the statutory requirements of CAPTA. Since the transition of the grant, our hard work to revitalize the Task Force has resulted in a strong and active Task Force comprised of very experienced and dedicated members from across Oregon. They represent a rich variety of backgrounds and perspectives who draw on their knowledge and expertise to analyze our systems and make recommendations for improved response to child abuse. As members of the CJA Task Force have changed over the past year and we have sought to replace those members with equally qualified new appointees including new Law Enforcement and CASA representatives.

Examples of CJA Task Force membership include:

- a senior deputy district attorney from the most populous and urban county in Oregon who manages the MDT/Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Juvenile (Dependency/Delinquency) and Support Enforcement units of the district attorney's office,
- a registered nurse who works as a pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), is a member of the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, and who established Oregon's first SANE center where survivors of sexual assault can be seen in a private environment separate from a hospital emergency room, and
- a Senior Associate Attorney General who represents the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division in dependency and termination of parental rights matters, with 19 years' experience prosecuting and defending child abuse cases.

The Task Force meets quarterly in addition to individual and small group work outside the quarterly meetings. During the past year, the Task Force membership has been very actively involved in the three year assessment and has completed significant work to ensure that the results of the assessment are meaningful and reflective of the variety of expertise, perspectives, needs, and aspirations of child abuse intervention professionals across Oregon. Past meeting minutes, upcoming meeting dates, CJA guidance documents, a current Task Force membership roster and other resources are available on the Oregon CJA Task Force web page.

Oregon CJA Task Force Membership.

Statutorily Required Task Force Members				
Task Force Membership Designation	Name	Title	Organization	Relevant Background/Experience
Law Enforcement	Randy Studebaker	Police Lieutenant	Hermiston Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 years as detective assigned to person crimes; • 3 years supervising all detective cases; • Board Member, Guardian Care Center Children’s Advocacy Center; • Co-Chair Umatilla County Sexual Assault Task Force.
Criminal Court Judge	Andrew Erwin	Circuit Court Judge	Washington County Circuit Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Criminal Judge Washington County Circuit Court; • Member of the Oregon Judicial Department Law and Policy Work Group and Oregon Judicial Department Strategic Planning Committee; • Former prosecutor and former high school teacher.
Civil Court Judge	Amy Holmes-Hein	Circuit Court Judge	Multnomah County Circuit Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Juvenile Court Judge; • Chair of local Child Welfare Council, Model Court Team, JELI committee and JELI Education Subcommittee working actively with JCIP and others to develop trainings for judges and others in all aspects of juvenile court policy and practice; • Deputy DA for 27 years including 10 years as Senior Deputy of the Juvenile Unit; • Participated in many multi-disciplinary system improvement efforts; • Prosecuted child abuse and neglect cases, including child homicide; • Participated in monthly MDT system improvement meetings; • Senior Deputy of the Domestic Violence Unit 2008-13; and • Participated in domestic violence fatality reviews.

Prosecuting Attorney	John Casalino	Chief Deputy District Attorney	Multnomah County District Attorney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Deputy District Attorney supervising MDT/Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Juvenile (Dependency/Delinquency) and Support Enforcement Units; • 20 years experience as a Deputy District Attorney including 13 years with the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team and 6 years as supervisor; • Prosecuted child abuse, including sexual assault and murder; • Advised DHS regarding their child protection efforts and the intersection with criminal and dependency law; • Chief of Division I, the Family Justice Division; Trained prosecutors in investigation and prosecution of child abuse; • Advised and trained law enforcement, DHS workers and medical professionals in child abuse investigation, prosecution and trial skills; • Lectured internationally on child abuse and benefits of the MDT model; • Provided input on child abuse and U-Visa legislation; • Trained on Child Abuse Reporting for Oregon State Bar and the ODAA; • Member of the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Child Abuse Training and Publication Committee; Revised the MDT protocols for Multnomah County; • Participates in the county and statewide child fatality reviews; • Is on the Board of CARES Northwest; • Co-chairs the Multnomah County SART; • Executive member of the Family Violence Coordinating Council; and • Participates on the domestic violence fatality review for Multnomah County.
Defense Attorney	TBD	TBD	TBD	<p>We have solicited recommendations from Oregon Public Defense Services and expect to receive recommendations soon. Recruitment efforts have also included soliciting and following up on recommendations from existing Task Force members, CAMI Advisory Council members, and DOJ colleagues. We have also included solicitations in emails to MDTs around the state and will continue with this strategy.</p>

Attorney for Children	Rahela Rehman*	Assistant Attorney in Charge	Oregon Department of Justice, Child Advocacy Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney-in-Charge for the Child Safety Program in DHS which establishes policies and practice regarding the investigation and assessment of incidents of child abuse; • 17 years in the Oregon Department of Justice Child Advocacy Section; • Supervises AAGs in 12 counties who represent DHS across Oregon; • Former Defense Attorney; and • Former Deputy District Attorney exceptionally well versed in the confidentiality statutes that govern child abuse investigations and child welfare practice.
Court Appointed Special Advocate	Jenna App	Interim Director	Oregon CASA Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD; • Interim Director, Oregon CASA Network; • Founding member Central Oregon Health Council's Youth and children in Foster care working group, 2017-present.
Health Professional	Patricia Kenyon*	Pediatric SANE	Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN; • Founder, Sarah's Place, the first Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Center in Oregon; • Deputy Medical Examiner, Linn County, Oregon.
Mental Health Professional	Damon Holland	Mental Health Specialist/ Substance Abuse Counselor	Community Counseling Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health specialist/substance abuse counselor for Community Counseling Solutions in Condon, Oregon, a rural community in central Oregon and • Experience working for Oregon DHS CWP and Washington DHS developmental disability services.
Child Protective Services	Deena Loughary*	Child Safety Program Manager	Oregon Department of Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Department of Human Services Child Safety Manager; • Extensive experience at Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare with a primary focus in Child Protective Services; • CAMI Advisory Council Member.
Individual Experienced in Working with Children with Disabilities	Shawna Clowser	Teacher	Salem-Kaiser School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS, Special Education; • 20 years experience working with children with various levels of special needs, including children who have experienced abuse and/or homelessness; and • 12 years as instructional assistant for Salem-Keizer School District. Currently 8th Grade Learning Resource Center.

Parent/ Representative of Parent Group	Patty Terzian, CJA Vice-Chair	State Liaison	Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Liaison for Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center providing training and technical assistance to Children's Advocacy Centers and Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams; • Former Executive Director/Coordinator of Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers for 9 years; • Mother of three; and • Co-Chair, Parent Association, Portland Village School.
Lived Experience Expert (Adult Former Victim of Child Abuse and Neglect)	Sherree Rodriguez	Management Assistant	Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over six years working for the Oregon Department of Justice. • Current Management Assistant for Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division including supporting the Attorney General's Task Force for Victims' Rights Enforcement, Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee and the Batterer Intervention Program Advisory committee; • Experience working in pastoral ministry; and • Speaker for survivor Resilience Panel for State Victim Assistance Academy.
Individual Experienced in Working with Homeless Children and Youth	Shelly Smith	Project Manager	City of Bend, Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Manager for the City of Bend responsible for planning related to homeless youth; • Former Executive Director of a Children's Advocacy Center for 9 years; • Former Regional Service Provider Director; • Former Chair of the CAMI Advisory Council; • Marriage and Family Therapist; and • 5 years previous experience working with homeless youth at a non-profit organization.
Additional Task Force Members/ CAMI AC Members				
Task Force Membership Designation	Name	Title	Organization	
Additional Member	Tammi Pitzen*	Executive Director	Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County	
Additional Member	Tina Morgan* CJA Chair	Consultant	National Children's Alliance Site Reviewer Former Executive Director, Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center, Lane County Children's Advocacy Center	

Additional Member	Cassy Miller*	Executive Director	Amani Center Children’s Advocacy Center, Columbia County
Additional Member	Marilyn Reilly*	Victim Assistance Program Manager	Clatsop County District Attorney’s Office

* Current CAMI Advisory Council Member

Prior Year Performance Report May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

Linking CJA with Oregon’s Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR), Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), Program Improvement Plan (PIP), and Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) and other Child Abuse Intervention Efforts.

In June of 2019 Oregon submitted its 2020 to 2024 CFSP. The CFSP contained the mission, vision and action of Oregon’s DHS CWP. The Mission: Every child and family is empowered to live independent, safe and healthy lives. Vision: Every child and family has a safe and positive environment in which to live and develop. Action: Promote exceptional and equitable service by embracing opportunity for growth and providing innovation, resources and support to our staff. DHS CWP committed to engaging with community partners, including the Children’s Justice Act Task Force.

Over the past year, the Oregon Department of Justice CVSSD and the Department of Human Services Office of Child Welfare Programs (DHS CWP) have continued to communicate about the APSR, CFSR, PIP, CFSP and CJA. The DHS Child Safety Manager has continued to serve on the CAMI Advisory Council and on the CJA Task Force. In addition, the CJA/CAMI Administrator has participated in meetings, telephone calls, and email exchanges with various staff at DHS CWP including the Child Safety Manager, the Policy Analyst who served as the prior CJA grant administrator, the Policy Analysts who conduct reviews of child deaths, statisticians, trainers, and the manager of the statewide child abuse reporting hotline. The DHS child abuse reporting hotline manager presented information to the CJA Task Force regarding the transition to a statewide child abuse reporting hotline, a move intended to respond to the identified need for a more consistent and timely statewide response by DHS CWP to reports of child abuse. Additionally, DHS and CJA staff have engaged in conversation regarding impact of new legislation such as decriminalization of drug use, changes in payment for child abuse assessment services, improvement of child fatality reviews and the link between child abuse and child and youth suicide. DHS staff were also invited to present information about the CFSP to the CJA Task Force. The inclusion of the Attorney in Charge of the Child Advocacy Section of the Oregon Department of Justice on the CAMI Advisory Council and Task Force continues to strengthen the connection between DHS CWP and CJA. The DHS CWP strategies for improvement: engagement, workforce development, prevention and continuous quality improvement have all been considered and have informed the development of the 2021 to 2024 three year assessment. At least one member of the Task Force is also a member of the Juvenile Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee.

Recommendations/Goals for the three-year period of 2018 through 2021. The CJA Task Force, in its previous iteration at the Department of Human Services, identified the following recommendations/goals for the grant period:

- 1. Cross System Collaboration and Communication**
- 2. Interviewing Children Referred for Concerns of Maltreatment Using the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines**
- 3. Reducing Recurrence of Child Maltreatment in Cases Involving Domestic Violence**
- 4. Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth Maltreatment Victims for Traditionally Underserved and Otherwise Diverse Populations by Providing a Victim Centered, Culturally Sensitive System Response**
- 5. Task Force Revitalization and Maintenance**

These goals, further described in the 2018-2021 Three Year Assessment, are referenced by number below where they relate to the funded projects described in this Annual Performance Report. Additionally, the CJA required categories are referred to as follows:

- A. The assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and the child's family;**
- B. The investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and**
- C. The assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect.**

Prior Year Funded Projects May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

Project 1 OCFIT Program

Sub-grantee implementing the program

Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS), fka Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, is a community based not for profit organization that is the Oregon Chapter of the National Children's Alliance. They provide training, technical assistance, advocacy and other support services to Children's Advocacy Centers and Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Teams throughout Oregon. OCAS delivers a cohesive training and support plan including Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT), Advanced Interviewing Training Topics Project Ability Training, Tools in Forensic Interviewing and Trauma Informed Practices. Additionally, OCAS coordinates review and revision of the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines. Due to restrictions on in person meetings precipitated by COVID-19, it was necessary to move the OCFIT curriculum online. A statewide trainer convening was not held due to COVID-19, but OCAS identified statewide partners and completed one on one conversations with stakeholders to understand the landscape of child abuse intervention related training available statewide in an effort to identify needs, gaps, overlap and opportunity for collaboration, coordination and development of new trainings. An amendment was made to the grant proposal to allow OCAS to redirect resources to offer OCFIT online. OCAS successfully transitioned OCFIT to an online format, ensuring continued National Children's Alliance accreditation for the training and restructuring activities to fit the new format as well as completing review and revisions of the OCFIT curriculum, supporting a training of the trainer for OCFIT faculty, and a revision of the OIGs. Revisions to Project Ability and planning and

development of an interviewing for non-forensic interviewers were also completed despite OCAS needing to pivot to complete work during the pandemic. Underpinning all efforts is the theory of change that providing adequate support and training to strategic partners involved in child abuse intervention will improve outcomes for children by providing response from well prepared professionals who have the tools (the OIGs) and the training OCFIT, Project Ability, Beyond Field Interviewing, necessary to carry out their work.

Completed deliverables/outputs for OCFIT trainings delivered in this period are included below.

Project 1A.

Narrative description of program/activity

Oregon Child Abuse Solutions continues to deliver training on child forensic interviewing and the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines (OIG) to a multidisciplinary audience of professionals who conduct child forensic interviews. Audience includes child protective services workers, law enforcement, and Children’s Advocacy Center staff forensic interviewers.

CJA Required Category and Task Force recommendation(s)/goal(s) addressed by this activity

categories A,B,C/goals 1,2,3,4

Evaluation Methods, Outputs, and Outcomes

Performance Objective 1:

Train 90 multidisciplinary professionals.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Attendance tracked with sign in sheets and certificates of completion.

Output:

60 professionals attended. Output is low compared to objective due to onset of COVID-19. Scheduled April 2020 training cancelled due to COVID-19. Grantee transitioned from in-person training to virtual training and in the process had to cancel one training and ran their initial virtual training as a pilot project with attendees limited to 9. Grantee is now fully equipped to train virtually and has held three full online trainings (two reflected here, one in May 2021 outside the grant period).

Outcome:

Increased number of trained forensic interviewers statewide.

Performance Objective 2:

Increase knowledge of Oregon Interviewing Guidelines and Forensic Interview best practices.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Conduct pre and post tests to measure attendees’ competency and complete practice interview evaluated by peers and expert interviewer.

Output:

All attendees passed the post test, which measured each identified core competency, answered at least 85% of the test questions correctly and successfully demonstrated application of skills in peer reviewed practice interview.

Outcome:

Forensic interviewers statewide have greater knowledge of best practices and state specific guidelines.

Performance Objective 3:

Grantee will provide high quality, engaging, evidence-based training.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Daily evaluations completed by all attendees.

Output:

Attendees reported that trainers were engaging and exercises were of high value. All respondents found the training relevant to their day-to-day work with children. All evaluations indicated the information received in this training helped in their work and their understanding of the practice of forensic interviewing.

Outcome:

Grantee continues to receive strong interest in and attendance at trainings ongoing. Strong support for training continues.

How evaluation results are used:

Evaluation results are used for continuous quality improvement of the training as well as gauging impact of the training on the knowledge of trainees. Observation of practice interviews is also used during the training to evaluate participant competence.

Project 1B

Narrative description of program/activity

Oregon law requires each county to identify a Designated Medical Professional (DMP) who is a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner who has been trained to conduct child abuse assessments and who is regularly available to conduct the medical assessments. To provide training and support the ongoing work of these DMPs, OCAS developed a resource library for DMPs, hosted teleconferences at least monthly, hosted a 1-day conference, and developed and maintained a roster of current DMPs and DMP designees.

Task Force recommendation(s)/goal(s) addressed by this activity

categories A,B,C/goals 1,2,3,4

Evaluation Methods, Outputs, and Outcomes

Performance Objective:

To ensure DMPs in need of support have the connections and resources necessary to find the support they need.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Conversations with the DMPs and evaluation surveys.

Output:

Statewide peer reviews and development of a steering committee for DMP support.

Outcome:

Improved communication among DMPs statewide and increased access to resources and support.

How evaluation results are used:

Program improvement and identification of new goals and projects.

Project 2 Human Trafficking Vignettes Project

Sub-grantee implementing the program

Trafficking Response & Intervention Program (TRIP) of Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division

Narrative description of program/activity

The human trafficking vignettes project is a simulation training tool being developed by the TRIP to increase awareness and understanding of human trafficking in Oregon. The tool will be used to train professionals and community members. CJA funds were used to compensate consultants providing their lived experience to the project. These individuals represent child abuse survivors including survivors from underserved populations. While the product that is the focus of this project is nearly complete, the training has not yet been rolled out to the public. Therefore, the evaluation methods, outputs and outcomes described here relate to the testing and evaluation of the product prior to implementation rather than impact on the community at large to whom the training will be delivered in the future.

Task Force recommendation(s)/goal(s) addressed by this activity

Categories A,B/goals 1,2,3,4

Evaluation Methods, Outputs, and Outcomes

Performance Objective 1:

Increase awareness of various aspects of human trafficking.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Individual testing of the vignettes followed by an evaluative survey.

Output:

25 individuals engaged in independent, online testing of the vignettes.

Outcome:

Results of the testing of the vignettes with individuals from various backgrounds revealed that additional refinement of the material covered should be completed prior to final roll out of the project. Project staff are working to refine the vignettes. Evaluation activities have been deferred to August, 2021. Please see the attached TRIP proposal for detail on the evaluation activities.

How evaluation results are used:

Evaluation results of the online testing were used to focus the training more narrowly on sex trafficking and exploitation rather than human trafficking generally and to improve the instructional guide for the training facilitators.

Project 3 Children’s Advocacy Center COVID-19 Mini Grants

Sub-grantee implementing the program

Oregon’s Children’s Advocacy Centers- ABC House, Bay Area Hospital, CARES Northwest, Josephine County Children's Advocacy Center, Children's Center, Amani Center, SafeSpace, Douglas CARES, Helping Hearts, Jackson CATF, Juliette's House, KIDS Center, Kids FIRST, Klamath Lake Cares, Liberty House, Lincoln County CAC, Mt. Emily Safe Center, Star Center and Wally's House.

Narrative description of program/activity

Due to COVID-19 Children’s Advocacy Centers experienced hardships related to unbudgeted expenses necessary for preserving the safety of children, families, and MDT partners as well as CAC staff. This was coupled with losses in fundraising and patient revenue. To support CACs in paying for these unbudgeted expenses and avoid them using funding intended for direct care of children to cover these expenses, the CJA Task Force advocated for grants to fill the gap. Grants of up to \$10,000 per Children’s Advocacy Center were offered to assist with expenses related to continuing services during COVID-19. Grantees used funds to purchase equipment such as laptop computers and cellular telephones for staff working remotely, to pay for communications subscriptions such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams to be able to meet with MDT partners and clients remotely, to purchase personal protective equipment, and to modify workspaces to meet increase safety and social distancing of staff working in the centers and the clients they serve.

Task Force recommendation(s)/goal(s) addressed by this activity

Categories A,B,C/goals 1,2,3,4

Evaluation Methods, Outputs, and Outcomes

Performance Objective 1:

Grant recipients were asked to submit a narrative summary of the impact of the funds.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Grant fund coordinators review the narratives as well as the financial reports submitted and compile information on the use and impact of funds to develop a snapshot of the statewide impact.

Output:

19 of Oregon’s Children’s Advocacy Centers applied for and received mini grants.

Outcome:

The full impact of these services are still being measured with the grants remaining open until September 30, 2021 and reports due no later than October 31, 2021. However, we are including here a sampling of information provided back from grantees reflecting a small coastal community and our largest urban service provider.

Lincoln County CAC: *“The CJA funds utilized during this quarter enabled us to purchase a laptop, computer equipment, and software to facilitate regular remote work for staff. We have several staff members who fall into the category of those that are likely to be more susceptible to greater complications due to COVID infection. This equipment and service paid for with CJA funds enables the center to remain open and offering all services while protecting the health and well-being of our staff, clients, and community partners.”*

CARES Northwest: *“CARES Northwest volume continues to be affected due to the COVID pandemic. Our fiscal year starts in April. Monthly appointment volumes have ranged from 13% below budget in July to 48% below budget in April; through December, our volume is year-to-date is 27% below budget. Drop in volume equals drop in gross and net outpatient revenue through insurance charges...In addition to decreased outpatient revenue, CARES Northwest has incurred \$30,243.03 in COVID-related expenses through December 2020. Expenses include personal protective equipment (masks and eye protection), cleaning supplies/hand sanitizers, computers and computer rental for staff working remotely, remote meeting licenses, building modifications to improve social distancing. CJA funds help offset these COVID-related expenses...The funds allowed staff to work remotely from home, or safely in the clinic. CARES Northwest will continue to adapt its services in the safest way possible for victims, families, community partners, and staff.”*

How evaluation results are used:

The information provides valuable insight to help us understand the challenges faced by Children’s Advocacy Centers during a pandemic, their needs during such a time, how they are able to continue functioning to ensure children receive these essential services, and to be prepared for the future by helping us know what may be needed should we face similar adversity.

Project 4 – Task Force Revitalization

Narrative description of program/activity

During the past year, Oregon has built on the prior two years’ success revitalizing the Task Force. Oregon Department of Justice staff, the CJA Chair and Vice-Chair have been actively engaged in attending meetings and webinars hosted by the Children’s Bureau, participating on the CJA listserv, and maintaining regular contact with, and receiving direction and support from, the CJA State Liaison Officer. Task Force membership is engaged in developing meeting agendas, inviting guest speakers, identifying potential new Task Force members and project areas, discussing needs and opportunities around the state and most importantly this year, participating in the three year assessment. Due to COVID-19, all Task Force meetings and other activities moved on-line but have continued as planned. While the Task Force had turnover in the CASA representative due to the resignation of the statewide CASA Director, we were able to recruit her successor, the interim CASA Director to fill the role. We also succeeded in recruiting a highly qualified law enforcement representative from a rural community in the northeastern part of the state. To help with Task Force member engagement with the three year assessment, the CVSSD Training and Curriculum Policy Coordinator, who

has training and experience in planning and conducting program evaluation, to assist in planning and facilitation of the three year assessment activities. This additional expertise helped ensure meaningful participation by the Task Force membership in the assessment activities.

Sub-grantee implementing the program

N/A

Task Force recommendation(s)/goal(s) addressed by this activity

This project corresponds to recommendation/goal 5 above.

Evaluation and Outcomes

Success of the Task Force revitalization efforts is demonstrated by the recruitment and engagement of highly qualified CJA Task Force members, regular meeting attendance, and contributions of members to the planning and execution of future CJA Task Force projects supporting the identified recommendations and goals of the 3 year project period. Based on knowledge gained through participation in the evaluation workgroup, the CJA grant administrator is considering implementing additional evaluation methods in the future to gauge Task Force member satisfaction with the collective work and functioning of the Task Force and to gather recommendations for process improvement as well as further assessing the forms of evaluation used for current and future funded projects of the Task Force.

How evaluation results are used:

Any drop in attendance or participation by any Task Force member will be responded to with outreach from the grant administrator to gain insight and feedback about the cause of the drop. Drop in attendance or participation by multiple members will prompt the grant administrator to request input from Task Force membership as a whole regarding functioning of and satisfaction with the Task Force overall.

Prior Year Line Item Budget Expenditures

PROJECT TO BE FUNDED	PRIORITY AREA(S)	AS OF 5/25/21
OCFIT PROGRAM	1,2,3,4	BUDGET \$140,000
1. OREGON CHILD FORENSIC INTERVIEWER TRAINING	1,2,3,4	OBLIGATED \$136,855.00
2. PROJECT ABILITY ADVANCED TRAINING	1,2,4	EXPENDED THIS PERIOD \$118,725.15
3. OREGON INTERVIEWING GUIDELINES (OIGs) REVIEW	1,2,3,4	EXPENDED AND REPORTED IN 2019-20 REPORT \$18,129.85
4. DESIGNATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT	1,2,3,4	
5. STATEWIDE TRAINER CONVENING	1,4	REMAINDER ANTICIPATED TO BE EXPENDED \$0
6. INTERVIEWING FOR NON-INTERVIEWERS TRAINING	1,2,3,4	
7. TRAFFICKING RESPONSE & INTERVENTION PROGRAM	1,4	BUDGET \$8,000 OBLIGATED \$8,000 EXPENDED \$4,000 REMAINDER ANTICIPATED TO BE EXPENDED \$4,000
8. CAC COVID – 19 GRANTS	1,2,3,4	BUDGET \$210,000, OBLIGATED \$180,337.90 EXPENDED TO DATE \$105,153.69 REMAINDER ANTICIPATED TO BE EXPENDED BY 10/31/20 \$75,184.21
9. TASK FORCE OPERATION	5	BUDGET \$5,000 EXPENDED \$2,774
TOTAL EXPENDITURES THIS REPORTING PERIOD		\$230,652.84

Overview of Systems Improvements to Address the 2018 Three-Year Assessment

Prior to transferring the grant to the Oregon Department of Justice in 2018, the CJA Task Force, in its previous iteration at DHS, completed a three year assessment in which they identified the following five goals for the 2018 to 2021 period outlined on page 8 above.

Given the transition, goal 5, Task Force Revitalization and Maintenance, has been foundational in this last three year period. When the grant transitioned to ODOJ, an entirely new Task Force membership was recruited, oriented, and engaged. Activities included drafting bylaws, seeking recommendations from stakeholders for new members, soliciting and vetting member applications, appointing the new membership, convening and orienting the new group and creating a web page for the CJA Task Force. Information was shared with the new Task Force regarding the purpose and goals of CAPTA and the Children's Justice Act as well as the Oregon specific goals identified during the 2018 three year assessment. Regular quarterly meetings were held with additional work completed by Task Force members between meetings, particularly related to member recruitment and the three year assessment. A chair and vice-chair were elected and meeting norms established. Grant applications and grant agreements were created.

Meetings have been very well attended with strong member participation including presentations from members sharing their work and experience in the field and updates on current projects and challenges. Planning for future meetings has included member input to identify topics of interest for increasing understanding of the current landscape of child abuse intervention across Oregon, particularly as it relates to the work of the Task Force.

OCFIT and the OCFIT Program

During the 2018-21 three year period, recognizing that the Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training is responsive to goals one through four above, a primary goal of the Task Force was to continue to provide consistent and reliable funding for the Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training. This multi-disciplinary training for children's advocacy center-based child forensic interviewers, law enforcement officers and child welfare workers who conduct child forensic interviews meets goals 1 through 4. The training is critical to ensuring children who may have been victims of abuse receive a high quality interview that is trauma informed and part of a well-coordinated response. The Task Force and MDT partner agencies have consistently confirmed the value and importance of this training and its positive impact on child abuse response across the state. The training incorporates a variety of adult learning strategies that encourage peer to peer interaction that provides opportunity for multidisciplinary learning and collaboration. The training provides attendees information regarding the intersection of child abuse and domestic violence and responding in a culturally appropriate and trauma-informed manner as well as opportunities to practice their skills and receive feedback from peers and trainers. The inclusion of presentations from Law Enforcement and Prosecutors regarding how the forensic interview fits within the larger process of investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases helps promote understanding of the importance of cross system collaboration and communication intended to influence practice beyond the classroom. The training also utilizes principals of applied

learning including pre and post-testing, quizzes within each module, and recorded mock interviews per our deliverables. In the three year period, 222 professionals in Oregon successfully completed the training.

OCFIT, coordinated by Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS), which is the Oregon Chapter of the National Children's Alliance, is not static but rather is regularly reviewed and updated by a team of tenured forensic interviewer-trainers with input from multidisciplinary partners including law enforcement, prosecutors, DHS, and the Oregon Department of Justice to ensure fidelity to the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines (OIGs) as well as to DHS and other partners' policies and practices. The updates also ensure that the training includes the most current research and best practice in forensic interviewing and victim services including diversity, equity and inclusion.

In response to restrictions on in person gatherings related to COVID-19, the OCFIT Program purchased a learning management system and transitioned the OCFIT training to a virtual platform. While maintaining accreditation for the training by the National Children's Alliance and continuing to include adult learning tools and approaches to the training, OCAS successfully launched the training online and delivered two virtual OCFIT trainings during this reporting period. OCAS staff transitioned activities to google docs, quizzes to zoom polls, evaluations to google forms, and set up zoom accounts and meetings for each trainer so they can record practice interviews. The benefits of purchasing the online system will extend beyond this period of social distancing by allowing flexibility in how the OCFIT is delivered (either in person or virtually or a combination of the two) depending on the variable needs and resources available in the future. The platform will also be used to enhance trainee experience with registration and progress tracking and delivery of other trainings and resources.

During the past three year period, the OCFIT training has expanded into a multi-faceted training program, the OCFIT Program, which includes advanced topics in forensic interviewing and addressing the training and support needs of other multidisciplinary team partners and child abuse intervention work outside the forensic interview. In addition to OCFIT and revision of the OIGs, the OCFIT Program includes advanced training topics: Project Ability (providing specialized information on interviewing children with disabilities), Use of Tools in Forensic Interviewing, Trauma Informed Practices and Beyond Field Interviewing (for those who do not conduct forensic interviews but who need some of the skills and knowledge provided in OCFIT and other information relevant to field interviews). OCAS continues to maintain a tool and resource library online for forensic interviewers. The OCFIT Program also expanded to providing training and support to medical professionals who provide child abuse medical assessments for children who may have been abused. Activities in this area include maintaining a roster of medical providers, hosting monthly teleconferences, hosting a statewide conference in September 2020, convening a medical provider steering committee, hosting two medical peer reviews, and maintaining a resource library.

Overview of the 2021-24 Three Year Assessment Process

To guide the decision-making of the Task Force in determining how best to use CJA funds to improve the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in ways that limit additional trauma to the child victim, the Oregon CJA Task Force completed a needs assessment. The process for, and results of, the assessment are summarized here. The information reported was collected between August 2020 and February 2021. The assessment involved multiple components including Task

Force member “Field Reports,” small group discussions among Task Force members, a four hour facilitated meeting of the entire Task Force and a survey of the field at large. All members of the Task Force participated in the process with coordination of Oregon’s CJA administrator. Additionally, the Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division Training and Curriculum Policy Coordinator assisted in developing and executing the assessment. Copies of the Field Report form and a word version of the broad survey are included with this report.

The Field Report tool was intended to help guide the Task Force members in gathering information about and reflecting on the strengths, weaknesses, and trends in child abuse intervention in Oregon. Task Force members were reminded that they were recruited to the Task Force to represent a particular segment of the population involved in or affected by child abuse intervention in Oregon and that they were selected for their experience and expertise in their role as well as their connection to their colleagues or constituents. They were each asked to identify three individuals from the group they represent on the Task Force who they thought might bring diverse perspectives to the questions presented. They were encouraged to use the tool to prompt a conversation with these individuals about the current state of child abuse intervention in Oregon, reflect on those responses and then synthesize those responses and their own reflections into their Field Report. The purpose of having Task Force members engage in these discussions was to bring a broader perspective to their responses. When the Task Force members completed their Field Reports, they were assigned to small groups: Investigation, Prosecution, and Judicial Handling, to discuss their reports and identify common themes. Following the small group discussions, the Task Force as a whole convened remotely on November 13, 2020 to discuss the results of the Field Reports and small group discussions. Each Task Force member shared their individual perspectives and then each small group shared their collective thoughts. The Task Force as a whole identified major themes in each area which were then used as the basis for the larger field survey.

Survey Highlights and Findings

The Task Force electronically distributed a survey broadly to stakeholders across the state through several listservs and contact lists for the purpose of providing the opportunity for the field at large to have a direct voice in the development of Oregon’s goals. The survey was open from January 4 to February 11. Distribution included child welfare, law enforcement, prosecutors, assistant attorney generals, judges, Children’s Advocacy Centers, Public Health, mental health professionals, teachers, parents, and others involved in child abuse intervention. One theme that arose in the individual field reports and small and large group discussions but that ranked low in the general survey was equity. The Task Force acknowledged in discussing the survey results that the reasons for this are unknown but that equity should be a focus of the Task Force’s work although how this focus will manifest remains vague as of the drafting of this report.

The survey consisted of demographics, priority areas, and legislative concepts.

Demographics

Overall, we received 979 unduplicated responses. Of those, 854 answered at least one substantive question. (In 2018, 463 individuals began the survey and 363 answered at least one substantive question).

Of the partial responses:

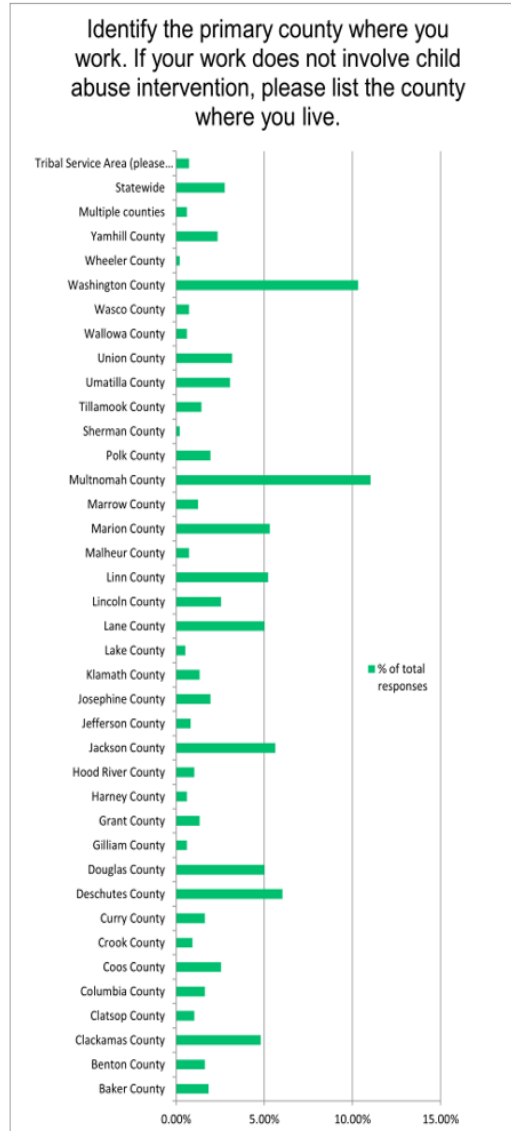
Answered 0 substantive questions	125 (13% of the total respondents)
Answered 1 substantive question	42
Answered 2 substantive questions	7
Answered 3+ substantive questions	40

We are very pleased with the increased response and grateful to the work of our Task Force membership for their invaluable assistance in this effort. Demographic information presented below includes only those who responded to at least one substantive question.

773 respondents indicated that all, most, or some of their work involves investigating, prosecuting, or otherwise responding to allegations of child abuse.

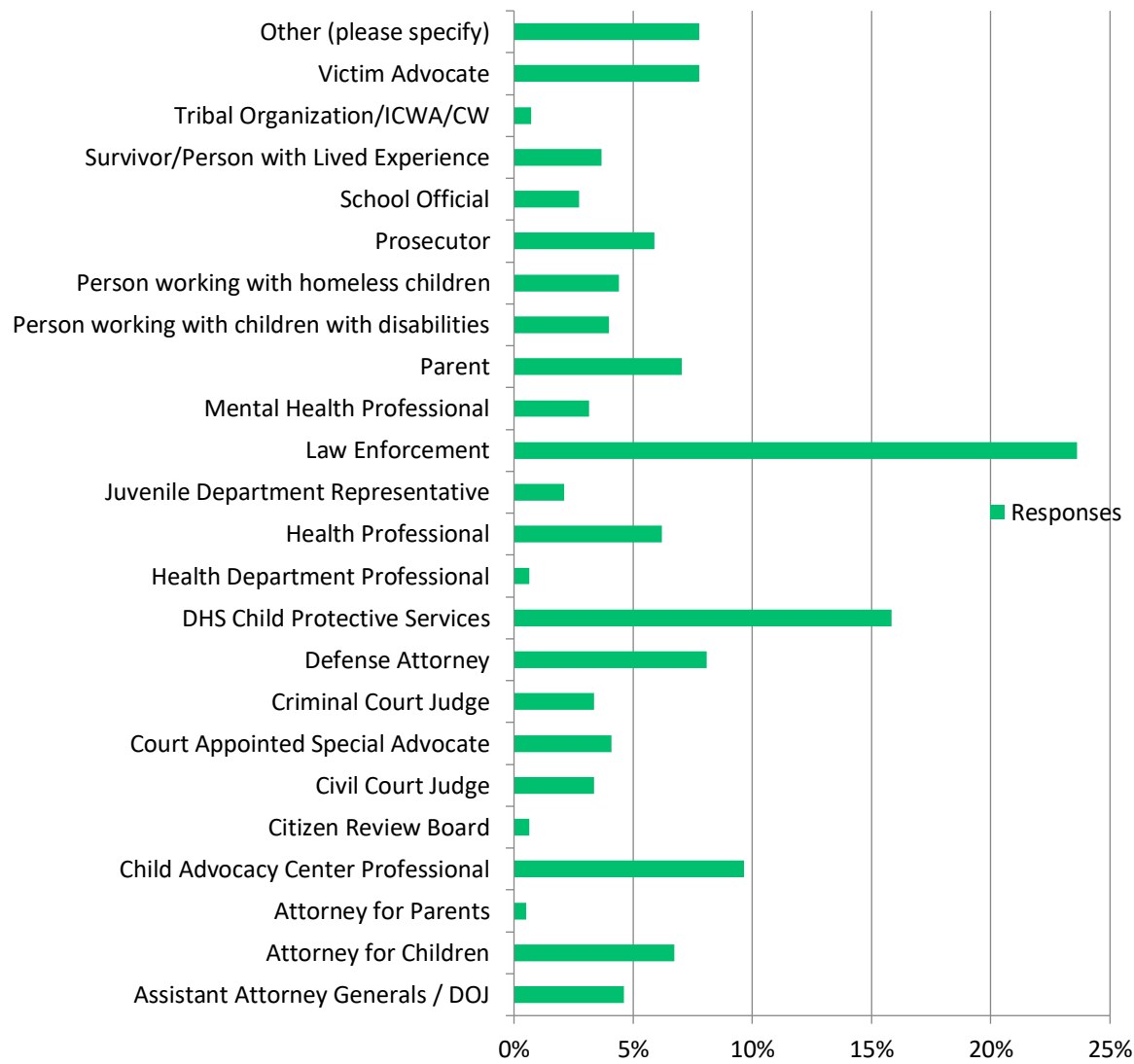
Respondents were asked to identify the county in which they work, or if their work does not include child abuse intervention, the county where they live. Respondents were also given options for Tribal service area, multiple counties, or statewide.

County/Area	Responses (%)	Count
Baker County	1.84%	18
Benton County	1.63%	16
Clackamas County	4.80%	47
Clatsop County	1.02%	10
Columbia County	1.63%	16
Coos County	2.55%	25
Crook County	0.92%	9
Curry County	1.63%	16
Deschutes County	6.03%	59
Douglas County	5.01%	49
Gilliam County	0.61%	6
Grant County	1.33%	13
Harney County	0.61%	6
Hood River County	1.02%	10
Jackson County	5.62%	55
Jefferson County	0.82%	8
Josephine County	1.94%	19
Klamath County	1.33%	13
Lake County	0.51%	5
Lane County	5.01%	49
Lincoln County	2.55%	25
Linn County	5.21%	51
Malheur County	0.72%	7
Marion County	5.31%	52
Marrow County	1.23%	12
Multnomah County	11.03%	108
Polk County	1.94%	19
Sherman County	0.20%	2
Tillamook County	1.43%	14
Umatilla County	3.06%	30
Union County	3.17%	31
Wallowa County	0.61%	6
Wasco County	0.72%	7
Washington County	10.32%	101
Wheeler County	0.20%	2
Yamhill County	2.35%	23
Multiple counties	0.61%	6
Statewide	2.76%	27
Tribal Service Area	0.72%	7



Respondents were also asked their role in addressing child abuse. Response options included 20 defined options (based on the statutorily required roles of the CJA Task Force and a few of the roles on the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program Advisory Council) and respondents were also allowed to select “other” and write-in their answer. Respondents were able to select more than one role, for example, respondents could select their profession as well as their status as a parent, or as both a civil and criminal court judge.

Identify your role or roles in addressing child abuse.
Check all that apply.



Roles	Responses	
Assistant Attorney Generals / DOJ	4.62%	44
Attorney for Children	6.72%	64
Attorney for Parents	0.52%	5
Child Advocacy Center Professional	9.65%	92
Citizen Review Board	0.63%	6
Civil Court Judge	3.36%	32
Court Appointed Special Advocate	4.09%	39
Criminal Court Judge	3.36%	32
Defense Attorney	8.08%	77
DHS Child Protective Services	15.84%	151
Health Department Professional	0.63%	6
Health Professional	6.19%	59
Juvenile Department Representative	2.10%	20
Law Enforcement	23.61%	225
Mental Health Professional	3.15%	30
Parent	7.03%	67
Person working with children with disabilities	3.99%	38
Person working with homeless children	4.41%	42
Prosecutor	5.88%	56
School Official	2.73%	26
Survivor/Person with Lived Experience	3.67%	35
Tribal Organization/ICWA/CW	0.73%	7
Victim Advocate	7.76%	74
Other (please specify)	7.76%	74
	Answered	953
	Skipped	26

**Number of total responses is greater than 100% of respondents because respondents were able to select more than one role.*

As in the last statewide survey, for the purpose of categorizing results by frontier, rural, and urban, we used the following table:

URBAN	RURAL	FRONTIER
Benton	Clatsop	Baker
Clackamas	Columbia	Grant
Deschutes	Coos	Gilliam
Jackson	Crook	Harney
Lane	Curry	Lake
Linn	Douglas	Malheur
Marion	Hood River	Morrow
Multnomah	Jefferson	Sherman
Polk	Josephine	Wallowa
Washington	Klamath	Wheeler
Yamhill	Lincoln	
	Tillamook	
	Umatilla	
	Union	
*Statewide	Wasco	

Of the respondents, 580 were from urban counties, 282 from rural counties, and 77 from frontier counties. For service and training partners who may be interested, we also grouped responses by Regional Children’s Advocacy Center region. RCAC regions are defined service regions for select Children’s Advocacy Centers who receive grant funding to provide training and technical assistance to Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Teams and Children’s Advocacy Centers around the state. A map of the regions can be found [here](#) and additional information about the CAMI Program and the RCAC grant can be found [here](#).

Responses by RCAC Region*

Region 1	Mt. Emily	123
Region 2	KIDS Center	86
Region 3	Jackson County CAC	108
Region 4	CARES Northwest	476
Region 5	Kids’ FIRST	123

**Total is greater than 100% of individual respondents as some respondents selected multiple counties*

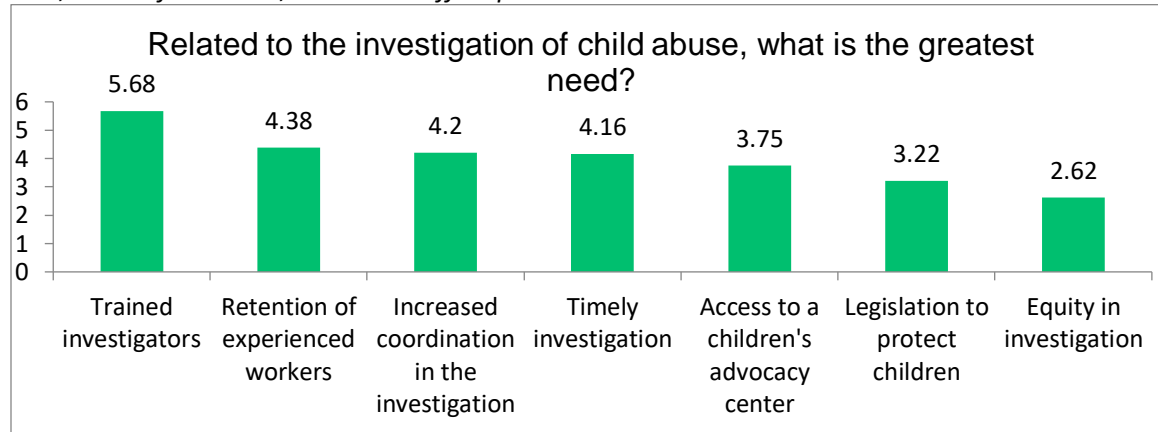
Discussion of substantive responses begins on the next page.

Substantive Responses

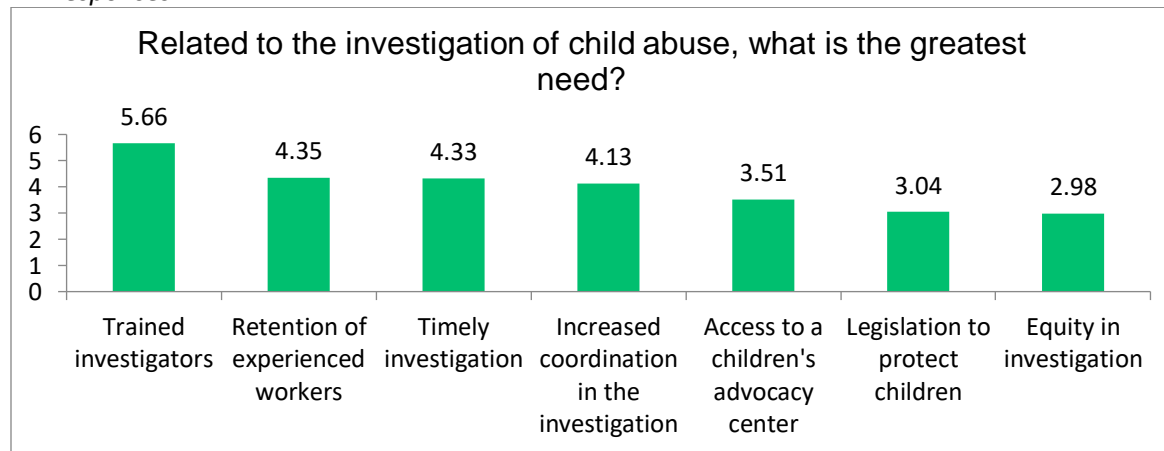
Questions 4, 5, and 6 asked respondents to rank the priority areas identified by the CJA Task Force membership field surveys, small group work, and collaborative discussion. The responses below include the ranking grouped by those respondents identified as working in investigation, prosecution, or judicial handling, followed by the ranking by all respondents for the sake of comparison of perspectives: specialists versus the field at large. The information in italics specifies the responses included in the subset.

Investigation

DHS, Law Enforcement, and CAC staff responses

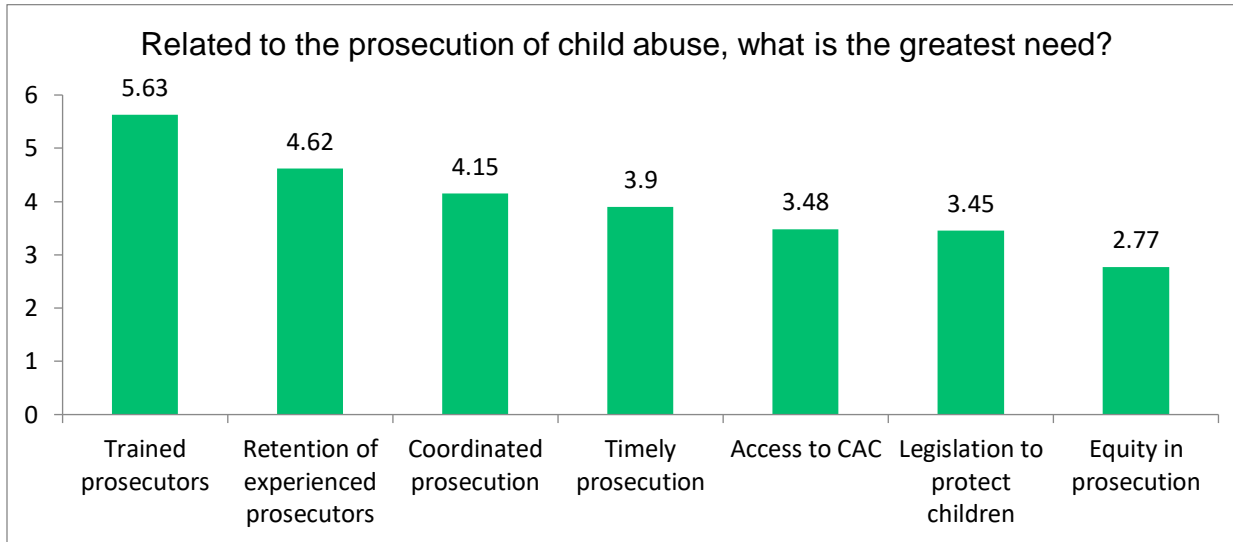


All Responses

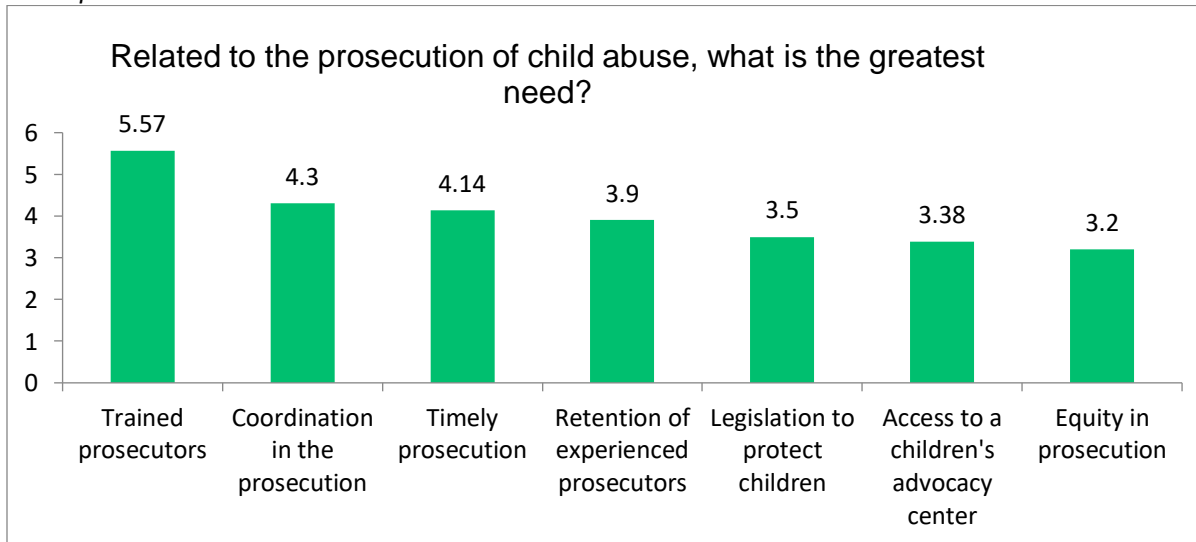


Prosecution

Prosecutors and AAGs

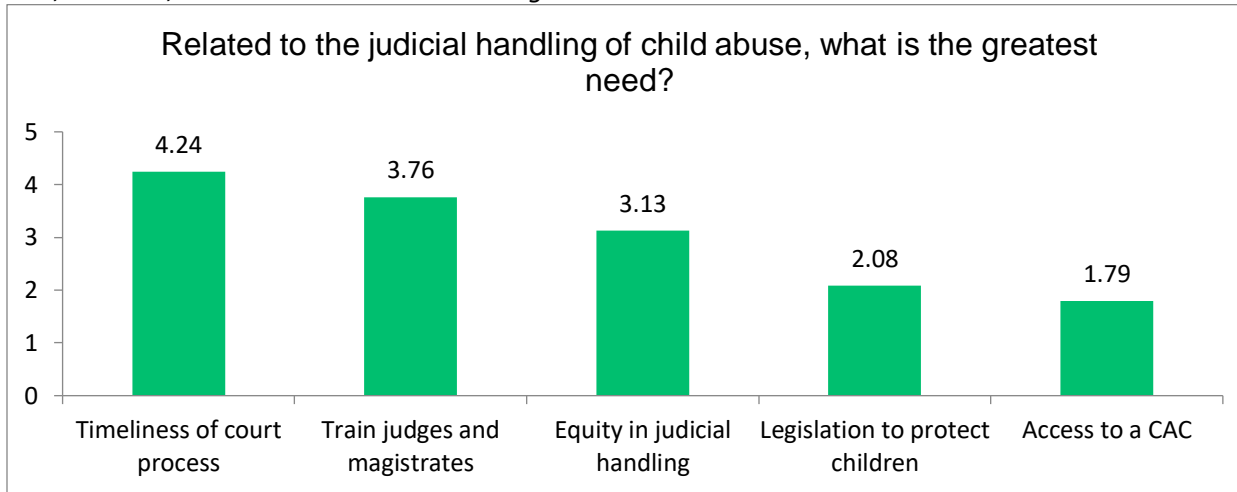


All responses

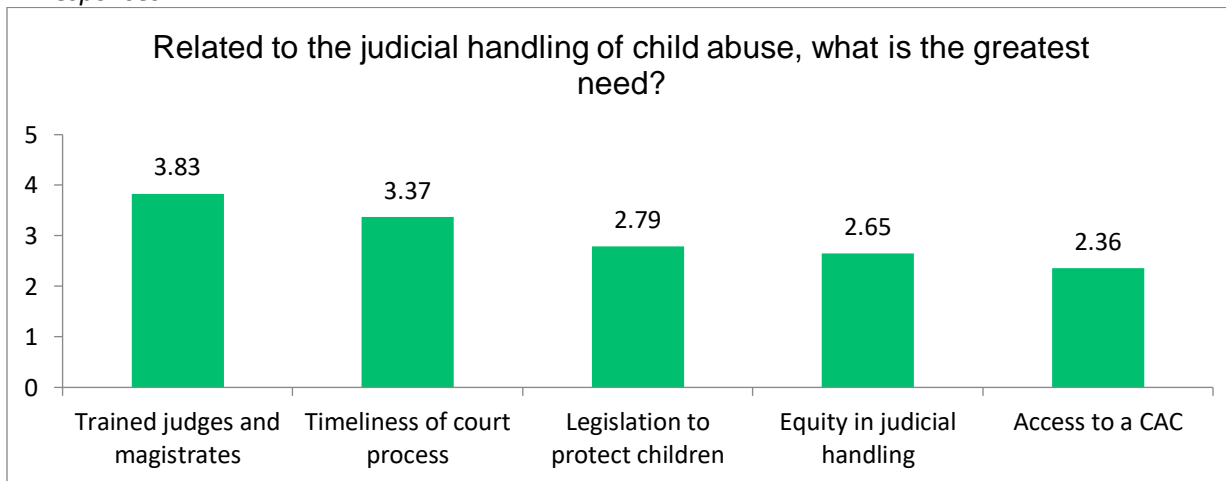


Judicial Handling

Civil, Criminal, Juvenile and Circuit Court Judges



All responses



Training

Question 8 asked respondents to rank the priorities for training.



Legislation

Question 7, presented here out of order due to its narrative nature, asked respondents, “Do you have a suggestion for legislation to enhance the protection of children?” We received 242 narrative responses that were reviewed and considered for incorporation into the recommendations.

2021-24 Policy and Training Recommendations

Federal Priority Area¹	A	B	C
Recommendation 1: Support experimental or demonstration projects addressing processes and procedures in investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of abuse cases to improve timeliness, equity and fairness	√	√	√
Possible Projects: *Pilot project to improve cross reporting and fatality review team notice in child fatalities *Pilot project to improve coordination of response *Pilot project to support active case review			
Recommendation 2: Provide consistent and reliable support for established, effective trainings & resources for investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse cases	√		
Possible Projects: *OCFIT *Project Ability *Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases			
Recommendation 3: Support development of new trainings and new training platforms to improve child abuse reporting, investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse cases	√	√	
Possible Projects: *Projects that improve public knowledge of how to recognize and respond to and report signs of abuse *Mandatory reporter training *Standardized field interviewer training			
Recommendation 4: Support projects to evaluate the efficacy of protocols, policies, procedures or trainings related to investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse	√	√	√
Possible Projects: *Engaging independent evaluator to develop and implement training evaluation process for grantees *Projects focused on evaluating and providing recommendations for improvement or protocols, procedures or practices in child abuse cases			

¹ A. Assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and family;
 B. Investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and
 C. Assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect.

Application for Proposed Activities (September 2021-September 2022)

In the coming reporting year, the revitalized Task Force will continue to engage in discussions related to the future of CJA funding, with a focus on comprehensive strategic multi-year planning. We anticipate that occasional focused-competitive grant applications may be employed to determine the best provider and method for implementation of a clearly defined project, and that funding for community-based FTE may be considered to achieve Task Force identified goals. In the meanwhile, it is the intention of this grantee to provide ongoing funding to existing multi-year grantees-including the OCFIT Training, and engage them in conversation regarding future planning, coordination and funding options.

Proposed Line Item Budget (September 2021-September 2022)

PROJECT TO BE FUNDED	PRIORITY AREA(S)	ANTICIPATED AWARD
OCFIT PROGRAM		\$140,000
1. OREGON CHILD FORENSIC INTERVIEWER TRAINING	2	
2. ADVANCED FORENSIC INTERVIEWER TRAINING (PROJECT ABILITY, TOOLS, TRAUMA INFORMED INTERVIEWING)	2,3	
3. OREGON INTERVIEWING GUIDELINES (OIGs) REVIEW	2	
4. DESIGNATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT	1,2,3	
5. STATEWIDE TRAINER CONVENING	1	
6. INTERVIEWING FOR NON-INTERVIEWERS TRAINING	1	
7. CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PROSECUTOR TRAINING	2	\$20,000
8. STATEWIDE CONFERENCES	2	\$30,000
2019 NATIONAL GRANTEEES MEETING		\$3,000
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ESTIMATED AT 5% OF \$216,843 2021 ANTICIPATED ALLOCATION		\$10,840.00
PROJECTED FFY 2020 TOTAL		\$203,840.00

Proposed Project Detail

OCFIT Program

This proposal will address priority areas 1,2 and 3. OCAS will continue to deliver a cohesive training and support plan including Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training(OCFIT), Advanced Interviewing Training Topics Project Ability Training, Tools in Forensic Interviewing, and Trauma Informed Practices and Beyond Field Interviewing. Additionally, will continue to develop new trainings and tools and OCAS will coordinate the 2022 review and revision of the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines.

Child Sexual Abuse Prosecutor Training

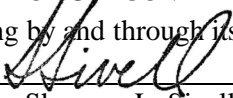
This training will address priority area 2. The training focuses on training prosecutors statewide in best practices related to prosecuting child sexual abuse cases. The training will be delivered by a team of Oregon prosecutors, who, working in different jurisdictions in the state, have extensive experience with prosecuting child abuse, including child sexual abuse cases. The training is a two-day training that includes information regarding multidisciplinary intervention team best practices, police investigations, CAC services, charging, strengthening cases, grand jury, trial preparation, working with witnesses and sentencing. Covered expenses include travel and lodging, food, facilities, and materials.

Statewide Conferences

This training will address priority area 2. Child abuse intervention professionals in Oregon continue to be interested in returning to in-person training. Although the future of statewide conferences previously supported with CJA funds, (Indian Child Welfare Act Conference, Shoulder to Shoulder (foster parenting) Conference, The Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit, and others), remains unknown at this time, we continue to stay in communication with previous grantees regarding future plans and changing needs for funding and are currently anticipating using funds to support these conferences should they return and need funding during the coming grant cycle.

STATE OF OREGON

Acting by and through its Department of Justice

By:  _____

Name: Shannon L. Sivell

Title: Director, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division

Date: May 27, 2021



KATE BROWN
Governor

May 17, 2021

Amanda Barlow, Acting Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)
Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Commissioner Barlow:

This letter confirms that the State of Oregon remains in compliance with eligibility requirements for receipt of grant funding under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (the Act). The State of Oregon hereby certifies:

- a) Oregon received \$217,374 under the FFY2020 child abuse and neglect Basic State Grant and continues to comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 106(b) of the Act; and
- b) Oregon has maintained a state multidisciplinary Task Force on children's justice; and
- c) Oregon has adopted or continues to progress in adopting recommendations of the state Task Force or a comparable alternative to such recommendations; and
- d) Oregon will make such reports to the Secretary as may reasonably be required, including an annual report providing information on how assistance received through this program was expended in Oregon, with particular attention to the areas of paragraphs (1) through (3) of Section 107(a); and
- e) Oregon will maintain and provide access to records relating to activities under CJA; and
- f) Oregon will participate in at least one federally initiated CJA meeting each year that the grant is in effect and understand we are authorized to use grant funds to cover travel and per diem expenses for two CJA representatives (CJA Coordinator and Task Force Chairperson) to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature


Title
Director

Organization
CVSSD

CJA Field Report (21-23)

Steps to complete field report:

1. Identify your three colleagues. When selecting these individuals, select at least two people from the group you represent on the Task Force who work with diverse populations, (considering such things as geography, ethnicity, race, religion, economic circumstances, etc.). The third individual can be from the group you represent on the Task Force or a defense attorney, law enforcement officer, or court appointed special advocate, who works in child abuse intervention (to incorporate input from professional roles not currently represented on the Task Force). You may speak with more than three individuals if you choose to do so, but you are not obligated to speak to more than three.
2. Contact these individuals and seek their input on the greatest needs in the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse. You can use the questions below to guide the conversation.
3. After speaking with your colleagues and considering your own experience and their input, provide written responses to the questions below. Your responses to these questions constitute your report to the CJA Task Force and are part of your contribution to the required statewide needs assessment. Record your responses in this fillable Word document. In your report, include a brief description of the individuals you selected including information about why you selected them and the unique perspective they brought to these assessment questions.
4. **Send your report to Caroline Olfert at caroline.olfert@doj.state.or.us by October 1, 2020.**
5. A compilation of all responses will be distributed to all members of the Task Force via email on October 8, 2020. When you receive the compiled report, you should review it and note your feedback and questions in preparation for a discussion and formulation of priorities for the 2021-2023 grant period. The priorities we identify will provide guidance for how CJA funds should be used in the 2021-2023 grant period.

Group member completing the report.

Name:	
CJA role represented:	
Describe the population you serve (e.g. ethnicity, geography, social-economic circumstances):	

List the three people you spoke with and why you chose them:

	Names	Why you chose them/unique perspective they bring to the assessment
1		
2		
3		

From the perspective of the CJA role you represent and how it intersects with investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse, answer the following questions. If you do not have an answer, leave it blank. If you have multiple answers, please include them all.

With respect to how child abuse is handled in Oregon...		
<i>What are the weaknesses of...?</i>	Investigation	
	Prosecution	
	Judicial Handling	

With respect to how child abuse is handled in Oregon...		
<i>What's going well for...?</i>	Investigation	
	Prosecution	
	Judicial Handling	
With respect to how child abuse is handled in Oregon...		
<i>What trends have you noticed with...?</i>	Investigation	
	Prosecution	
	Judicial Handling	

Taking into consideration the above, what suggestions do you have to improve the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect in Oregon?

If you have questions about this field report, contact Robin Reimer (503-507-4990 | robin.e.reimer@doj.state.or.us) or Caroline Olfert (503-881-8375 | caroline.olfert@doj.state.or.us).

Submit your report by October 1, 2020 to Caroline Olfert.

Email to CJA members (pre-survey release)

Greetings CJA Task Force members,

Thank you for reviewing the draft child abuse intervention survey. We appreciate your feedback! We plan to release the survey in early January and hope that the survey will be shared widely. A link to the final document and the introductory email are included below.

I've attached a document that includes the groups we've identified for survey distribution; however, we need your help to get this survey into the right hands. Please take a look at this document and provide us your feedback. What groups aren't on the list and should be? Do you have a point of contact for any of the groups listed that can help us get the survey added to their listserv?

We hope you'll share your feedback and recommendations with us by January 3, 2021 so that we can meet our planned release date of January 4th.

Warm regards,

Caroline

Email to survey recipients

Greetings,

On behalf of Oregon's Children's Justice Act Task Force, we request your input on the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases in Oregon. Please complete a brief, 9 question survey to help us prioritize our efforts in the 2021-2023 grant cycle.

Take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CJA21-23>

Please share this survey widely. If you have questions about the survey and would like to email us, please click [here](#).

We appreciate your input, expertise, and the work you do on behalf of Oregon's children.

Sincerely,

Robin and Caroline

Robin Reimer, Fund Coordinator, Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division

Caroline Olfert, Training and Curriculum Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division

Children's Justice Act Grant Task Force

2021-2023 Assessment Meeting

November 13, 2020

12:30 – 12:35: Welcome

12:35 – 1:35: Member Reports

Each member has an opportunity to share highlights from their report and group members may ask questions or make comments. Keep comments brief (2-4 minutes per report).

1:35 – 1:50: Break

1:50 – 3:20: Small Group Reports

Investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling focus group share the priorities identified through their small group process and all group members may ask questions or make comments. 30-minutes per group.

3:20 – 3:35: Break

3:35 – 4:05: Consolidation of Recommendations

Full group looks at all priorities and develops recommendations

4:05 – 4:30: Wrap-Up and Next Steps