

Oregon Children's Justice Act Annual Report May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020

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 Civil Enforcement Division Child Advocacy Section 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 Criminal Justice Division District Attorney/Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) supports district attorneys by providing around-the-clock legal advice and support investigating and prosecuting complex criminal cases including child abuse cases. Its Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) 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, 2019 through April 30, 2020, 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) the preceding year. 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 Task Force comprised of very experienced and dedicated members. 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. Some 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.

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 physician who serves as Medical Director of a rural children's advocacy center,
- 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.

At the time of Oregon's last annual report to the Children's Bureau, we were working to fill the statutorily required role of "Individual Experienced in Working with Homeless Children and Youth." The role was filled shortly after the report by a former Executive Director of a leading Children's Advocacy Center in Central Oregon who currently manages response to homeless youth for the City of Bend.

The Task Force meets quarterly. The Task Force met in November of 2019. At that meeting, members introduced themselves and shared information about their backgrounds and roles. The CJA Fund Coordinator from the Oregon Department of Justice oriented the group by provided an overview of the history and purpose of the grant, past projects, and availability of funding. The group discussed the future of the grant and the work ahead, including ways of identifying needs and gaps in child abuse response in Oregon and ideas for communicating with the field at large. The group reviewed and adopted the Task Force bylaws, nominated a Chair and Vice Chair, planned for the next meeting, and discussed attendance at the national grantees' conference. The Task Force met again in February of 2020. At that meeting, the Oregon state chapter of the National Children's Alliance, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions, presented information on current grant funded projects including:

continuation of the Oregon Child Forensic Interview training, advanced forensic interviewer training on interviewing children with disabilities, review of the Oregon Interviewing Guidelines, training and support for Designated Medical Professionals, convening of statewide training partners and development of training for professionals other than forensic interviewers who talk to children about abuse. A representative from the Western Regional Children’s Advocacy Center (WRAC), who is a member of the Task Force, presented information on the work of the WRAC and trainings related to child abuse intervention available through that organization. The group further discussed planning for the three-year assessment and Task Force member recruitment. The Task Force was invited to an all-day training on MDT case review and MDT management hosted by the Oregon Department of Justice and scheduled in conjunction with the Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit as part of the second quarter meeting. Due to COVID-19, the second quarter meeting, which was scheduled for April 20, 2020, was cancelled along with the MDT case review training and the Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit. The group decided to ask a representative from the statewide child abuse hotline to make a presentation at the third quarter meeting. Meeting dates and locations, minutes, membership and other CJA related information is publicly available on the Oregon Department of Justice web site.

Following is the list of proposed CJA Task Force members.

Statutorily Required Task Force Members				
Task Force Membership Designation	Name	Title	Organization	Relevant Background/Experience
Law Enforcement	Vacant	TBD	TBD	Recruitment efforts have included soliciting and following up on recommendations from existing Task Force members, CAMI Advisory Council members, and DOJ colleagues. Several individuals have expressed interest but have ultimately been unable to serve due to personal circumstances, career changes, and/or professional capacity. We have also included solicitations in emails to MDTs around the state and will continue with this strategy. We are in the process of appointing a tribal law enforcement agency victim advocate and will continue seeking a law enforcement officer. We hope that our transition to virtual meetings, due to COVID-19, will help us fill the vacancy soon.
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;

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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;

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 NW; • 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	Aaron Brennehan	Attorney	Brennehan Law LLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner, private law firm with emphasis on criminal defense including homicide, assault and sexual assault; • Member Deschutes County Public Safety Coordinating Council; and • Former Deputy District Attorney, Crook County.
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	Deborah Gilmore	CEO	Oregon CASA Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPA; • JD; • Former CEO of Oregon CASA Network.; and • Experience and expertise in child welfare research, policies and practice, including Consulting with the Capacity Building Center for States and working as District Manager for the Oregon Department of Human Services.
Health Professional	Carol Chervenak*	Medical Director	ABC House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD; • Medical Director of a Children's Advocacy Center; • CAMI Advisory Council Vice Chair; and

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive experience conducting child abuse medical assessments, providing training to MDT members, and serving as an advisor on child abuse related topics.
Mental Health Professional	Damon Holland ¹	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"> • Extensive experience at Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare with a primary focus in Child Protective Services and • 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"> • MAT; • 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	State Liaison	Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current 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 • Has collaborated with professionals across the state to improve services for Oregon's children when there were concerns of abuse.
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. Currently Management Assistance 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;

¹ Mr. Holland was recommended to the Task Force during the grant period and is in the process of being vetted for appointment.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Patricia Kenyan*	Pediatric SANE	RN, Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force	
Additional Member	Tina Morgan*	Consultant	National Children's Alliance Site Reviewer Former Executive Director, Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center, Lane County CAC	
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, 2019 through April 30, 2020

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.

Over the past year, the Oregon Department of Justice CVSSD and the Department of Human Services Office of Child Welfare Programs (DHS CWP) have strengthened their relationship and communication related to the APSR, CFSR, PIP, CFSP and CJA. The DHS Child Safety Manager has

continued to serve on the CAMI Advisory Council and on the Task Force. In addition, the CJA/CAMI Administrator has participated regularly 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 staff of the statewide child abuse reporting hotline. 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 has also helped to strengthen the connection between DHS CWP and CJA. The CJA grant administrator was invited to, and actively participates in, the CFSP/APSR Quarterly meetings during which all programs associated with the reports share their projects and initiatives to increase cross program knowledge, coordination and collaboration. Following the group's charter, prior to each quarterly meeting, the facilitator emails each member a one-page document that summarizes their CFSP initiatives. Each program reports their progress and/or any changes in their initiatives at the quarterly meeting. The purpose of reporting out at the meeting is to allow information to flow to all other program areas and to spark discussion and cross-pollination regarding similar, overlapping, complementary, and/or opposing initiatives in Child Welfare as a whole.

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 below where they relate to the funded projects described in this Annual Performance Report.

Prior Year Funded Projects May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020

Project 1

Sub-grantee implementing the program

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (ONCAIC)² 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. During the prior award period, the ONCAIC delivered the OCFIT training as a discrete project under the CJA grant. Beginning in October, 2019, pursuant to the previous objective of creating a more

² The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers changed their name to Oregon Child Abuse Solutions in the middle of the reporting period. For this report, they will still be referred to as the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, but in future reports, they will be referred to as Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS).

cohesive approach to statewide training, OCFIT and other trainings and efforts provided by the ONCAIC were consolidated into a cohesive training and support plan. This approach incorporates projects previously funded as discrete grant projects (Project Ability and Oregon Interviewing Guidelines Review) as well as new projects (Designated Medical Professional Training, Statewide Training and Technical Assistance Convening, Training and Curriculum Interviewing for Non-Interviewers). As this reporting period, the contract period(s) and execution of the work overlap, these projects will be discussed collectively and outputs and outcomes will be reported both here and in the next annual report. Completed deliverables/outputs for OCFIT trainings delivered in this period are included below and additional information on projects in progress is included in the attachment to this report ONCAIC CJA Activity Report October 2019 – March 2020.

Project 1a - Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT)

Narrative description of program/activity

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers 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.

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

This project corresponds to recommendations/goals 1 through 4 above.

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:

81 professionals attended (Medford: 26; Wilsonville: 27; Salem: 26-2 CAC medical providers audited) Of those that attended 39% DHS, 43% Law Enforcement, 6% Children's Advocacy Center Staff, 11% Other related professionals were trained (which includes 8 SROs).

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.

Project 2 - 2020 Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit

Narrative description of program/activity

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit is a three-and-a-half day, multi-disciplinary training for professionals working in the areas of investigation, interviewing, assessment, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence. The training was scheduled to be held in Portland, Oregon, at the Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center on the River, April 21-24, 2020. The goal of the Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit is to educate professionals on the complex issues associated with child abuse and family violence, to broaden each professional's knowledge base in multiple areas, and to increase understanding of the other agencies' roles and responsibilities. The Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit continues to provide quality local training at a low cost in spite of many agency budget cuts over the past 18 years and provides a significant child abuse intervention conference within Oregon, reducing the time and expense that would otherwise be necessary for professionals to travel out of state for training. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Summit was cancelled. A grant agreement had not been executed at the time of the cancellation, so the funds are still in the CJA account. Prior to the cancellation, the grantee had provided new proposed evaluation methods, outputs and outcomes which are included below.

Sub-grantee implementing the program

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office has a long standing commitment to reducing child abuse and other forms of family violence including domestic violence. In an effort to help the entire state address these problems, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office has organized the Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit since 2000. The training is held every year and has gained a national reputation for excellence.

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

This project corresponds to recommendations/goals 1 through 4 above.

Evaluation Methods, Outputs, and Outcomes

Performance Objective 1:

Provide a statewide conference focused on increasing MDT professionals' knowledge of child abuse intervention and best practices.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Categorizing and totaling offered training sessions by target audience and specific content provided.

Output: Not available due to event cancellation.

Outcome Not available due to event cancellation.

Performance Objective 2:

Increase knowledge of multi disciplinary professionals statewide related to child abuse intervention best practices.

Mechanism of Evaluation:

Attendance tracked through registration including total number of attendees, scholarships awarded and information on geographic and professional distribution of attendance and scholarships.

Output: Not available due to event cancellation.

Outcome: Not available due to event cancellation.

Performance Objective 3: MDT Professionals who attend the Summit will change their practice in a way that improves victim experience with intervention.

Mechanism of Evaluation: Summit attendees will be surveyed to ask whether knowledge gained at the summit will change their practices related to child abuse intervention in a way that will improve services to victims.

Output: Not available due to event cancellation.

Outcome: Not available due to event cancellation.

Project 3 – Task Force Revitalization

Narrative description of program/activity

The work of revitalizing Oregon’s Task Force is ongoing and will continue to be a significant focus in the coming grant year. Oregon Department of Justice staff along with representatives from The Network and the CAMI Advisory Council 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 Oregon’s 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, planning for the upcoming three year evaluation, and discussing needs and opportunities around the state. Due to COVID-19, future meetings and other opportunities to engage task force members have been moved on-line but are continuing as planned.

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.

Prior Year Line Item Budget Expenditure

PROJECT FUNDED	PRIORITY AREA(S)	EXPENDITURES
1. OREGON CHILD FORENSIC INTERVIEWER TRAINING	1,2,3,4	\$18,129.85
2. PROJECT ABILITY ADVANCED TRAINING	1,2,4	
3. OREGON INTERVIEWING GUIDELINES (OIGs) BIENNIAL REVIEW	1,2,3,4	

4. DESIGNATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL (DMP) SUPPORT	1,2,3,4	
5. STATEWIDE TRAINER CONVENING	1,4	
6. TRAINING AND CURRICULUM INTERVIEWING FOR NON-INTERVIEWERS	1,2,3,4	
NATIONAL GRANTEEES MEETING	5	\$3,000 BUDGET
TASK FORCE OPERATION	5	\$5,000 BUDGET

Several activities, trainings and conferences scheduled for this biennium were cancelled so funds will be redirected to other use in 2020-2021.

Application for Proposed Activities (September 2019-September 2020)

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 that will move away from the rolling-deadline, open, grant application process. 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. To that end, grant funds will be used to convene coordinators who plan and execute the various statewide trainings focused on investigation, administration and judicial handling of child abuse, including child sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation of children.

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Proposed Line Item Budget (September 2020-September 2021).

PROJECT TO BE FUNDED	PRIORITY AREA(S)	ANTICIPATED AWARD
1. OREGON CHILD FORENSIC INTERVIEWER TRAINING	1,2,3,4	\$140,000
2. PROJECT ABILITY ADVANCED TRAINING	1,2,4	
3. OREGON INTERVIEWING GUIDELINES (OIGs) BIENNIAL REVIEW	1,2,3,4	
4. DESIGNATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT	1,2,3,4	
5. STATEWIDE TRAINER CONVENING	1,4	
6. INTERVIEWING FOR NON-INTERVIEWERS TRAINING	1,2,3,4	
7. CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PROSECUTOR TRAINING	1,2,3,4	\$20,000
8. STATEWIDE CONFERENCES	1,2,3,4	\$60,000
9. 2019 NATIONAL GRANTEE MEETING	5	\$3,000
10. TASK FORCE OPERATION	5	\$5,000
PROJECTED FFY 2020 TOTAL		\$228,000

Proposed Training Detail (please see Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers Report on pages 15-17 for detail on projects 1-6).

Child Sexual Abuse Prosecutor Training

This training will address priority areas 1, 2, 3, and 4. The training, previously funded with state dollars which are no longer available due to budget cuts, 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

In light of current circumstances, 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), is unknown. At this time, we are staying in communication with previous grantees regarding future plans and changing needs for funding.

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Acting by and through the Department of Justice

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Date: 5/29/2020

Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers Report October 2019 – March 2020

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Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers

Narrative Report

This is the first report for CAMI Contract #21154 effective October 2019 – September 2020. Work highlighted was completed during the period of October 2019 through March of 2020.

Background

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (The Network) is a critical resource for Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs), local multidisciplinary teams (MDTs), and Oregon State Agencies. An independent nonprofit organization, The Network is an Accredited State Chapter of the National Children’s Alliance and is a leader in Oregon’s statewide response to child abuse. The Network serves as an important bridge between CACs and partner agencies locally, regionally, and nationally. The Network works especially closely with Oregon’s five Regional CACs, and their experts, to support, mentor, train, and provide resources and referrals to CACs and MDTs throughout the state.

Children’s Justice Act (CJA) funding provides funding for states to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of cases of child abuse. Additionally, one goal of the Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) is that all children suspected of being abused have access to high quality child abuse intervention services. The development and improvement of CACs and MDTs throughout Oregon assists ODOJ in meeting that goal. Through partnership between The Network, Regional CACs, ODOJ, and the Children’s Justice Act Task Force, contract #21154 will create trainings and improve policy and practice to address gaps in service impacting child victims.

Tasks and Deliverables

Deliverables

The following deliverables were met as detailed during the first report of this contract:

1. Task 1: Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) Program

ONCAIC will coordinate the Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training and related advanced trainings necessary as identified by CAMI and the Regional Service Providers.

Task 1 - Deliverables/activities:

- Coordination, registration, and facilitation for:
 - November 2019, December 2019, and February 2020 OCFIT Trainings.
 - These same were completed for the planned April 2020 Bend training which was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- OCFIT Program Manager finalized curriculum review from 2019, including updating the in-training activity software to a newer software.
- Participated in all OCFIT discussions with CAMI Coordinator and RCAC Directors via monthly conference calls and quarterly in person meetings throughout this period.

2. Task 2: Project Ability Advanced Training

This training is the advanced training designed to increase the child forensic interviewer's competence interviewing children with disabilities when there is a concern of abuse.

- Project Ability in Oregon was not trained during this time period
- OCFIT Program Manager assisted RCAC experts in training Project Ability in San Diego, CA, with this training's costs covered by other funding sources.
- OCFIT Program Manager spent time improving the Project Ability slideshow and transferring the training onto our newly purchased training computer

3. Task 3: Oregon Interviewing Guidelines (OIGs) Biannual Review

The OIGs are a document that incorporates best practice suggestions from a large body of research and literature in the field of forensic interviewing as well as from several widely used national models into a guide for interviewing children about concerns of abuse.

- OCFIT Program Manager and RCAC experts are reviewing OIGs and making changes, anticipated draft available for review in June 2020

4. Task 4: Designated Medical Professional (DMP) Support

ONCAIC provides ongoing opportunities for DMPs to connect, share information and resources, and collaborate on statewide initiatives related to policy and practice.

- ONCAIC has maintained a roster of current DMPs and DMP designees during this time period, including adding six new DMPs in recent months

- ONCAIC provides a library of resources for DMPs including presentations, new research, and recently COVID-19 specific resources
- Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb 18, Mar 17 ONCAIC hosted DMP teleconferences open to all DMPs across the state
- Due to COVID-19, ONCAIC is actively researching online learning management systems to meet the needs of DMPs and others while in-person meetings opportunities are limited
- During this time frame, ONCAIC and one RCAC expert had plans to present at the annual Oregon Association of Family Physicians conference, which was cancelled
- During this period, ONCAIC met with advocates and the Department of Human Services on behalf of CACs regarding differential diagnoses
- During this period, ONCAIC connected one-one with five DMPs to help build knowledge of the services and supports ONCAIC can provide

5. Task 5: Statewide Training and Technical Assistance Convening

The Network will initiate and coordinate a convening of training and technical assistance providers serving MDT professionals in the 2019-2020 CJA grant year.

- ONCAIC is in the process of developing a list of individuals and organizations providing statewide training on child abuse intervention

6. Task 6: Training and Curriculum Interviewing for Non-Interviewers

Contractor will develop a new training for non-interviewers consistent with the content of the OCFIT curriculum but geared toward MDT professionals who conduct minimal facts interviews and/or interviewing in the field.

- ONCAIC has not yet begun development of the new curriculum
- Due to COVID-19, ONCAIC is actively researching online learning management systems to meet the needs of DMPs and others while in-person meetings opportunities are limited



KATE BROWN
Governor

May 26, 2020

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

Dear Commissioner Darling:

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 \$216,657 under the FFY2019 child abuse and neglect Basic State Grant and continues to comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 106(b) of the Act;
- b) Oregon has maintained a state multidisciplinary task force on children's justice;
- c) Oregon has adopted or continues to progress in adopting recommendations of the state task force or a comparable alternative to such recommendations;
- 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);
- e) Oregon will maintain and provide access to records relating to activities under the Children's Justice Act (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

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Title

Director

Organization

Crime Victim & Survivor Services