



GO! BULLETIN

CONTINUED ADVOCACY ACTION NEEDED:

Please email the Joint Ways & Means Committee to request current service funding levels for Developmental Disabilities Services. Include your name, city and why DD Services are important to you. Send the email to:

waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov



State Budget Town Hall Meeting Video Conferences

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means has decided to extend its period for input on the State's 2017-19 budget priorities by holding two "virtual" town halls in more rural parts of the state this coming week. These town halls will take place by video conference. The Ways and Means Committee will be convened in Salem, and thanks to the wonders of modern technology, it will be connected via video to Oregonians at the following locations:

Thursday, March 16 - Coos Bay

5 to 6 PM Pacific Time

Tioga Hall, Room 505

Southwestern Oregon Community College at 1988 Newmark Ave

Thursday, March 16 - Ontario

7 to 8 PM Mountain Time

Laura Moore Cunningham Science Center, Room 122

Treasure Valley Community College at 650 College Blvd

If you live near these locations, please don't miss the opportunity to share your story and let the Ways and Means Committee Members know the impact developmental disability services makes in your life. Please wear or wave something wear yellow to show unity with the developmental disabilities community!

Thanks so much to all the advocates who made the effort to get to these road show events across the state to let the Ways and Means Committee Members know the importance of developmental disability services in your lives. The stories

Department of Education Budget Presentations

The [Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education](#) has been working on the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Budget Bills ([SB 5516](#) and [SB 5517](#)) for the past few weeks. Public Testimony Days are scheduled as follows:



March 15th: Public Testimony Day for Early Learning and Youth Development Programs, including the EI/ECSE Budget! Please join us at the Capitol to give personal testimony about the importance of Early Intervention and/or Early Childhood Special Education Services.

Please reference the [Oregon Alliance for Early Intervention \(AEI\) website](#) and the [2017 AEI Fact Sheet](#) for information and advocacy resources.

March 16th: Public Testimony Day for K-12 Grant-in-Aid Budget & State School Fund

Department of Human Services Budget Presentations

On Tuesday, March 14th, the [Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services](#) will focus their attention on the Department of Human Services (DHS) Budget ([SB 5526](#)), and that work will continue for the next month or so. DHS will begin with a "DHS Agency Overview" followed by presentations from each major program within DHS. The following is a tentative schedule of the budget presentations for the next few weeks:

March 15-16: Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)

March 21-22: Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

March 27: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (OVR)



March 28: Public Testimony Day for APD, ODDS and OVR - SAVE THIS DATE and please plan to join us at the Capitol to testify about the importance of DD Services and to request continuation of current service funding levels.

You can also watch or listen to live or archived [video and audio](#) of these hearings, and email testimony directly to the Subcommittees using the links provided above.

Join us at the Capitol for our next DD Advocacy Day!

MONDAY, MARCH 20th



FOCUS ON FAMILIES and REGIONAL FAMILY NETWORKS

Join us at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem on Monday, March 20th! This is a very important opportunity to advocate for the essential services your child and family are currently eligible to receive through DD Services.

Children of all ages are welcome! We will be there to help you and your child(ren) connect with your legislators!

The first step is to find out which State Representative and Senator and represents you: www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html

The next step is to schedule visits with your State Senator and State Representative or their staff on March 20th to discuss the importance of funding DD Services for children and families.

Need support during your meetings with legislators? Need training in effective legislative advocacy strategies? Need information about how to phrase requests for funding? Need a place to relax and enjoy refreshments between legislative visits? WE HAVE EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED...

The GO Project's Advocacy Team and family advocates from the Consortium of Family Networks will be at the DD Advocacy Headquarters (Capitol Room 257) from 10AM to 2PM to offer information, training and support for your visits.

Families are encouraged to wear something yellow to show your support for DD Services.

Other Upcoming Advocacy Days at the Capitol

April 10: Focus on Early Intervention & Early Childhood Special Education

May 1: Focus on Housing | Fairview Trust Fund

May 22: Focus on Case Management & Systems Efficiency

June 12: Session Wrap-Up Event: Focus on DD Services Funding

Policy Bills and Upcoming Hearings of Interest This Week:

Below are some of the bills we are tracking with hearings coming up this week. You can view the current [Coalition Priority Bills Report](#) to stay updated.

March 13th - Monday

- 8:30 AM / H-170: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Education Subcommittee)** continues the Oregon Department of Education budget presentations on **SB 5516** (Grant in Aid budget); and **SB 5517** (State School Fund budget)
- 1:00 pm / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** -
 - Public hearing on **SB 268** (relating to investigation of reports of abuse that occur at school or in educational setting or that are made by school employees)
 - Work sessions on **SB 239** (process for consent to individually based limitation of certain rights) and **SB 104** (modifies provisions relating to registry of persons who provide care in certain facilities)
- 3:00 pm / HR F: **House Committee on Education** Work session on **HB 2658**, which establishes a pilot program for the purpose of increasing the number of public school students who are served by school social workers
- 3:00 PM / HR E: **House Committee on Health Care** Public hearing on **HB 2398**, which prohibits health care provider from billing medical assistance recipient except as provided by rule

March 14th - Tuesday

- 8:00 AM / HR 343: **Senate Committee on Judiciary** Work session on **SB 493** (crimes involving injuries to vulnerable users of public right of ways)
- 8:30 AM / H-170: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Education Subcommittee)** continues Oregon Department of Education budget presentations: **SB 5516** (Grant in Aid budget); and **SB 5517** (State School Fund budget)
- 8:30 AM / HR F: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee)** **SB 5526** DHS Agency Overview Presentation
- 1:00 PM / HR 343: **House Committee on Judiciary** -
 - Work session on **HB 2630** (changes Oregon guardianship laws to assure adequate safeguards for respondents and protected persons).
 - Public hearing / work session on **HB 2776** (authorizes appointment of guardian for person with disability who is in need of guardianship)

March 15th - Wednesday

- 8:30 AM / HR F: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Education Subcommittee)** Public Testimony Day on **SB 5516** [for Early Learning and Youth Development Programs]
- 8:30 AM / H-170: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee)** **SB 5526** Aging and People with Disabilities Presentation Day 1
- 1:00 PM / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** Public hearings on **SB 51** (task force on Behavioral Health)
- 3:00 PM / HR C: **House Committee on Education** Public hearings on:
 - **HB 2845** (advisory group to develop statewide ethnic studies standards for K-12; "social minorities" includes people with disabilities)

- **HB 3015** (relating to school assessments)

March 16th - Thursday

- 8:00 AM / HR E: **House Committee on Human Services and Housing**
Public hearings on:
 - **HB 2959** (appropriates money to general assistance project)
 - **HB 3262** (requires DHS to adopt rules related to prescription of psychotropic medications to people with disabilities or who are elderly)
- 8:30 AM / HR F: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Education Subcommittee)** Public Testimony Day on **SB 5516** for K-12 Issues; and **SB 5517** State School Fund
- 8:30 AM / H-170: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee)** **SB 5526** Aging and People with Disabilities Presentation Day 2

Interested in tracking bills and hearings?

- Use the Oregon Legislature's [Capitol e-Subscribe](#) service to receive bill alerts for individual bills as they move through the legislative process, receive committee agendas, news from members of the legislative body and more.
- You can also watch or listen to live or archived [video and audio](#) of Oregon Senate and House chamber sessions and Committee hearings.

Continued State & Federal Advocacy Efforts are Needed!

Please contact your

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Legislators

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Contact Oregon State Legislators to request **Continued Service Funding Levels for DD Services** including:

- Case Management
- Family Networks
- Fairview Housing Trust
- Raise DSP Wages

Contact United States Legislators to request **Continuation of the Affordable Care Act** which includes:

- Pre-Existing Conditions Coverage
- No Lifetime Benefits Caps
- K Plan Funding** for Medicaid Services such as attendant care, home modifications and vital services for children and families.

You have

ONE State Senator

ONE State Representative

Elected Officials - X

Senate House Congress

State Representative Name

District Number

Contact Information

Here is what your results may look like

You have

ONE US Representative

TWO US Senators *

To find your State Senator and State Representative, use the link below:

www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html .

*Oregon has TWO US Senators: [Jeff Merkely](#) and [Ron Wyden](#)

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!

In honor of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month we are joining the #SidebySide photo rally with the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities!

To participate share a photo of a person with developmental disabilities alongside a friend, co-worker, sibling, family member or other community member. When you share the photo, write a caption that captures the spirit of the #SidebySide campaign. For example, if you send in a picture of you dancing with your neighbor, you might caption it "Dancing is best when you are #SidebySide with your best friend!" Be creative! Then share your photo by posting it on the Council's Facebook at www.facebook.com/OrCouncilDD/



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Life Side by Side

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