



GO! BULLETIN



**Today is our FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY at the
Capitol!
MONDAY, MARCH 20th**

FOCUS ON FAMILIES and FAMILY NETWORKS

Join us at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem today, 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 connect with your legislators on this first day of the spring!

You can find out which State Representative and Senator represents you : www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html and let them know you plan to stop by today when you are at the Capitol to discuss the importance of funding DD Services for children and families. If you don't have appointments with your legislators, don't worry! Legislators and their staff are eager to see their constituents and they can sometimes shift schedules around or staff might be able to meet with you to hear your concerns if your legislators are unavailable.

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.

Each Advocacy Day includes:

- Training session on legislative advocacy strategies at 11AM
- Support to practice your talking points for your legislative meeting
- Support to get to your legislator's office and debrief after your meeting
- A place to relax and enjoy refreshments between legislative visits

Families are encouraged to wear something yellow to show 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

Hearings on the Oregon Department of Human Services Budget Continue

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week (March 21-22) at 8:30 am in HR F, the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services will continue its deeper dive in to the individual budgets within the Department of Human Services (DHS) budget (SB 5526). Lilia Teninty of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services will be presenting more detailed information on the services individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can access through the Office of Developmental Disability Services.

On **March 27th** at 8:30 am in HR F, Trina Lee will be presenting more detailed information on DHS's Vocational Rehabilitation services.

Remember through the wonders of the state's legislative information system ([OLIS](#)), you can watch these presentations live from the comfort of your own home or office, or you can check them out after the hearings have taken place! Use this [link](#) to watch or listen to live or archived video and audio by navigating your way to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Human Services Subcommittee for the particular day you want to watch. You can also check out the presentation materials submitted by navigating to the Committee's webpage in OLIS, clicking on the particular day and then viewing the "Meeting Materials" for that day.

Important Testimony Opportunity for DD Services!

SAVE THE DATE! On **March 28th** at 8:30 am in HR F, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services will be taking **public testimony** on the Department of Human Services Agency budgets including Developmental Disabilities Services.

Do you have a story about the importance of developmental disability

services in your life? Are you ready to advocate?

Now is the time to speak up!! As you know from previous GO! Bulletins, we are in the midst of a lot of uncertainty at both the state and federal level as to what developmental disability programs and services will look like going forward if the Affordable Care Act is repealed and Medicaid is cut and capped.

Wearing yellow in support of the DD Community and showing up at the hearing, whether you're giving public testimony or not, is one important way you can take action. If you are willing to share your story via public testimony at the hearing, that would be even better!

How to prepare testimony:

Begin by providing your name, the city you live in and why you care about DD services. We suggest that you include a request for continued funding levels for DD Services, along with a sentence or two about what services have made a difference in your life with a quick example about how the services help you. End with an expression of appreciation.

To help you prepare your testimony, we have provided a [Fact Sheet](#) on the Coalition's funding priorities which include [Family Networks](#), [Case Management](#), [Direct Support Professional Wages](#) and the Fairview Housing Trust.

Here is a link to a recent video showing how to effectively provide testimony with support: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAaDe2WERKo>

If you are not able to give testimony in person:

Please email your testimony about the importance of funding DD Services at continued service levels to waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov.

If you would like help in preparing your testimony or would like to share a copy of the testimony you have prepared, you are welcome to email oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com. We would love to read your thoughts about the importance of funding developmental disability services in Oregon.

It is more important than ever that everyone speak up and take action in whatever way they can, whether it be writing an email or letter, making a phone call, showing up to give public testimony at a hearing, attending a DD Advocacy Day at the Capitol and having an in-person visit with your legislators, or following and interacting with your legislators on social media. They need to hear your stories and understand the real impact these services have on your lives!

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 20th - Monday

- 1:00 pm / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** work sessions on the following bills:
 - **SB 231** (establishes Task Force on Student Mental Health Support)
 - **SB 246** (Sets forth circumstances under which Department of Human Services may immediately suspend, revoke or place conditions on license, certification or other authorization of child-caring agency)
 - **SB 834** (Department of Human Services to develop and present a proposal for creation of human rights commission)
- 3:00 PM / HR E: **House Committee on Health Care** - Public hearings on:
 - **HB 3194** (relating to dental sealant programs; permits use of resin-based sealants and glass-ionomer sealants by personnel who provide services through local dental sealant programs)
 - **HB 3181** (relating to dental screenings and requirement for certain students to submit certification that they received screening)
- 3:00 pm / HR F: **House Committee on Education** -
 - Public hearing on **HB 2845** (convene advisory group to develop statewide ethnic studies standards for adoption into existing statewide social studies standards for public kindergarten through grade 12)
 - The Committee will also be holding public hearings and possible work sessions on a series of bills related to school guidance and counseling:
 - **HB 2529** (requires applicants for preliminary administrative license to complete coursework related to comprehensive school guidance and counseling programs)
 - **HB 2536** (developing professional development courses related to guidance and counseling programs, making courses electronically available and providing training and technical assistance related to courses)
 - **HB 2528** (training and professional development of school district personnel on contents and implementation of Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Framework adopted by department)
 - **HB 2530** (prescribes requirements for guidance counselors in schools)

March 21st - Tuesday

- 8:00 AM / HR E: **House Committee on Human Services and Housing**-Public hearing on **HB 3005** (creates refundable credit against personal income taxes for housing rental payments)

- 8:30 AM / HR F: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) SB 5526** Phase 2 budget presentation on "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" with Lilia Teninty, Office of Developmental Disability Services (Day 1)
- 1:00 PM / HR D: **House Committee on Early Childhood and Family Supports** Public hearings and work sessions on:
 - **HB 2260** (directs Office of Child Care to maintain website that provides information regarding certified and registered child care facilities and regulated subsidy facilities)
 - **HB 2259** (relating to enrollment in the Central Background Registry)
- 3:00 / HR C: **Senate Committee on Education -**
 - Public hearings on two interesting bills proposing amendments to the Oregon Constitution to require the Legislative Assembly to pass budget bills for K-12 public education in odd-numbered years:
 - **SJR 20** (by the 65th day of regular session held in odd-numbered year and to prohibit compensation of legislators if bill is not passed)
 - **SJR 18** (before passing any bill appropriating funds for any other state agency)
 - Public hearing on **SB 803** (grants to school districts for support service programs, education innovation programs and education intervention programs)

March 22nd - Wednesday

- 8:30 AM / HR F: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - SB 5526** Phase 2 budget presentation on "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" with Lilia Teninty, Office of Developmental Disability Services (Day 2)
- 1:00 PM / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** Public hearings on:
 - **SB 314** (directs Early Learning Division to establish Relief Nursery programs statewide to provide trauma-informed services to at-risk children statewide)
 - **SB 223** (requires in-home caregivers employed by or contracting with in-home care agencies to meet training requirements for home care workers established by Home Care Commission)
- 1:00 PM / HR A: **House Committee on Revenue** Public hearing on **HB 3104** (directs State Treasurer to study strategies for increasing participation of Oregon residents in qualified tuition programs described in section 529 of Internal Revenue Code, with specific consideration given to historically disadvantaged populations)
- 3:00 PM / HR C: **House Committee on Education -**
 - Public hearing on **HB 2587** (modifies state educational goals to take into consideration students' aspirations, to provide students with well-rounded education and to provide students with sufficient instructional time to meet students' educational goals)
 - Public hearings and possible work sessions on:
 - **HB 2657** (establishes Task Force on Out-of-School Youth)

- **HB 2649** (adopt by rule complaint process to report school district policy in violation of state law prohibiting harassment, intimidation, bullying and cyberbullying)

March 23rd - Thursday

- 1:00 PM / HR D: **House Committee on Early Childhood and Family Supports** public hearing on **HB 3087** (creates a family and medical leave insurance program to provide a covered employee a portion of their wages while on family medical leave or military leave; funded by employer and employee contributions)
- 3:00 PM / HR C: **Senate Committee on Education** -
 - Public hearing on **SB 278** (study related to school social workers; pilot program for the purpose of increasing the number of public school students who are served by school social workers)
 - Work session on **SB 440** (Department of Education to prepare a list related to high-wage and high-demand jobs in state; distribute list to school districts and award grants to school districts to ensure list is distributed to students in grades 9 through 12)

March 24th - Friday

- 8:00 AM / HR E: **House Committee on Health Care** public hearing on **HB 2408** (money to plan, establish and operate new school-based health centers, to increase student access to school-based mental health providers and to fund pilot program that uses trauma-informed approaches)

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.

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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