

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION 94-6-15-1) IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF
) SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH
) DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, the people of Lane County, Oregon believe that we have a moral and civil obligation to assist Oregonians with developmental disabilities when they are unable to provide for their needs or assert their rights; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in services for people with developmental disabilities will, in a very short time, increase state expenditures because cuts will inevitably increase the need for expensive crisis and institutional care; and family members will be forced to leave their jobs in order to provide home care for relatives with developmental disabilities, thereby increasing the likelihood that other family members will require state services such as unemployment, welfare, and crisis intervention; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities face monumental challenges in every aspect of their lives, even when necessary services are provided; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in services to people with developmental disabilities will deprive them of their homes, jobs, health care, and the educational and recreational programs which enable them to fulfill their potential as human beings and enjoy the rights and privileges of citizenship.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we support continuation of programs that:

1. provide supported living through residential services, thereby fostering independence and self-esteem;
2. support vocational training and job opportunities so that persons with developmental disabilities can do useful work and contribute financially to their living expenses, and enable family members to work who would otherwise have to stay home and care for them;
3. provide vital specialized medical services;
4. provide early intervention school services and family support services essential to development and to the education and welfare of the entire family unit;
5. provide specialized recreational services which enhance the quality of life; and
6. enable persons with developmental disabilities to reach their full potential and lead meaningful lives.

DATED this 15th day of June, 1994.

Jerry Rust
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

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