



Lane County Commission on Children and Families
Comprehensive Planning Process FAQ's

1. How and why did this planning process happen?

- ★ In 1999, the Oregon State Legislature mandated that each county complete a comprehensive planning process for children and families. This mandate is contained in Senate Bill 555, which directs the Commissions on Children and Families to oversee this process.
- ★ The legislature wants to have a clearer understanding of how, or whether, the services they fund are meeting the needs of children and families.
- ★ Phase I, II and III of the plan are complete and available for review.
- ★ Now, the legislature is asking communities to pick 3-5 priorities from these plans to focus collaborative efforts and report back the results.

2. How has the plan been used?

- ★ To inform policy and resource decisions at all levels of government.
- ★ To coordinate services and help ensure effective use of resources.
- ★ To make connections between various agencies/service providers in the county.
- ★ To increase oversight and accountability of services.
- ★ To increase community participation and focus efforts in ways that makes sense to county residents.

3. Who has participated in the planning process?

- ★ State agencies such as – the Oregon Commission on Children and Families
- ★ Local service providers/agencies
- ★ Local service and community organizations
- ★ Elected officials
- ★ People who use the services, their families and communities
- ★ Community members

4. Who is overseeing this planning process?

- ★ The Lane County Commission on Families and Children has been directed by the legislature to oversee and coordinate the planning process.
- ★ The Commission is responsible for ensuring that the planning process is inclusive of the entire community.

5. Who will oversee implementation of the collaborations on the focus areas?

- ★ The Lane County Commission on Children and Families is responsible for coordinating the collaborative efforts and reporting results to the legislature.
- ★ The entire Lane County community makes up the partnership that is responsible for implementing and working on the chosen priority areas.

6. How were the priorities identified?

- ★ Work plans from existing planning bodies were examined and critical issues drawn out.
- ★ Professionals in the field further defined the issues.
- ★ Community meetings were held across Lane County to allow concerned community members, professionals, organizations and consumers of services for children and families to evaluate and vote on the issues that they felt were most important.
- ★ Results of the community meetings:

