

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**January 28, 1997 Hearing Room HR B**

**1:00PM Tapes #6-8**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, Chair**

**Rep. Kitty Piercy, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Bob Jenson**

**Rep. Jeff Kruse**

**Rep. Dennis Luke**

**Rep. Kurt Schrader**

**Rep. Mark Simmons**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Janet Carlson, Administrator**

**Berri Sellers, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Family Friendly System**

**Family Resource and Service Centers**

**Coalition for Kids, Family Resource Center, Grants Pass**

**North Lake Wellness Center, Christmas Valley**

**Parent Partnership, Cottage Grove**

**Family Courts**

**Deschutes County-Ernie Mazarol, Court Administrator and**

**Family Court Panel.**

**Douglas County-Judge Ronald Poole and Don Mills, Court**

**Administrator**

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
<b>TAPE 1, A</b>		
005	Chair VanLeeuwen	Begins meeting at 1:07, discusses focus on family friendly services. Introduces Don Gray, Director of Coalition for Kids Family Resource Center in Grants Pass, OR.
023	Rep. Repine	Co-Chair of the Ways and Means Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the Coalition for Kids in Grants Pass, OR. Introduces Don Gray.
<b>KID'S COALITIONS</b>		
055	Don Gray	Begins testimony. Provides a description of the services they provide.
088	Gray	Description of the Resource Center.
095		* Head Start as a part of the resources they provide.
104		* Resource Center's ability to share services and resources with other service organizations.
145		* Centers raising community awareness of children's issues, bringing about business support.
197		<b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> Results of survey that was given to early childhood providers and kindergarten teachers.
211	Gray	Centers are places for family activities
237		Centers allow opportunities for community involvement, by sponsoring community events.
270 Presentation of video about Family Center in Grants Pass, OR (Approximately 3 minutes)		
314	Chair VanLeeuwen	Thanks witnesses for their testimony and allows opportunity for questions about resource centers.
323	Rep. Schrader	Question about which groups are represented by the Coalition
328	Gray	Programs included at the Resource Center include: Head Start, Women's Crisis Support, Child Care program and several others. Refers to <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b>
345	Rep. Schrader	Question about duplication in providing child care.

366	Gray	* Discussion about child care
379	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about funding for the resource centers
395	Gray	* Discussion about funding
405	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question as to how the resource center is meeting the needs in the community? Is it adequate?
410	Gray	Answers above question. They are not able to meet all the needs of the community, doesn't know percentages but the staff is ambitious and they are able to meet their six and twelve month goals. High teen pregnancy rate of Josephine County and high demand for child care make it more difficult to meet demands.
434	Rep. Kruse	Question about whether or not state programs are helping or impeding the process of providing services to children and families.
455	Gray	Responds that state agencies are helpful in collaborative efforts, but in some other ways they fall short.
<b>TAPE 2, A</b>		
042	Gray	Discusses the option of having controversial groups like Planned Parenthood join the resource center.
063	Chair VanLeeuwen	Thanks Don Gray for his testimony and discusses accessing information about resource centers.
078	Gray	Discusses the idea of the resource center as a one stop shopping concept for family resources.
083	Chair VanLeeuwen	Introduces the Parent Partnership program and Kathleen Hynes, the Director of the program.
<b>PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS</b>		
109	Kathleen Hynes	Staff to the Lane County Commission on Children and families and former Director of the Parent Partnership.
120		Discusses development of family resource centers in Lane County.
128		Explains the idea behind Parent Partnership
138		References ( <b>Exhibit B</b> )
141	Peggy Lintula	Staff at the Parent Partnership in Cottage Grove. Describes the goal behind Parent Partnership.
165		* Discussion of Parent Partnership as a school based program.
182		* Operating procedures of the program.
195		Discussion of parenting programs at the Parent Partnership
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		Story about Aaron, a child who has been affected by going to the Parent Partnership
226		Discussion of working as a team to make programs at the Parent Partnership work.
250	Kerry Doane	Client at the Parent Partnership in Cottage Grove, OR.
280		Expressions about her first experiences at the Parent Partnership.
300		Discusses the different resources available at the center.
319		Discusses the resources available for children at Parent Partnership
340	Doane	More discussion about available resources
380	Ana Maria Dudley	Staff at the Parent Partnership and coordinator for the Hispanic support group.
<b>TAPE 1,B</b>		
002		Specific resources available at the center for Hispanic families.
008		Mothers who come to the resource center discuss abuse that may be taking place in the home.
031	Chair VanLeeuwen	Thanks those testifying from the resource center
033	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about the size of the resource center.
035	Lintula	Center is the size of one classroom.
042	Rep. Schrader	Question about funding for the resource center
049	Hynes	* Center is funded by state and federal funding sources and community support.
066	Chair VanLeeuwen	Comment about story in the news
076	Rep. Luke	Question about services that they would not continue.
080	Lintula	Answers question about services
088		<b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> References in terms of resources
105	Dudley	Discusses transportation as an issue for people coming to the center.
132	Doane	Experience of attending the center for the first time
138	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about family resource centers as they relate to domestic abuse
156	Chair VanLeeuwen	Introduces next witness, Ernie Mazarol
<b>FAMILY COURTS</b>		
172	Ernie Mazarol	

		Court Administrator in Deschutes County also introduces Bee Paulson and Donna Pierson who also work with the family court system.
189		Beginning of family court in 1994
205		Development of comprehensive plan that works with the family
211		Discussion of ORS 3.417
240		Discusses focusing less on structure, more on process
253		Discussion of SB 245
271	Chair VanLeeuwen	Question about SB 245
286	Bee Paulson	Service Coordinator for the family court system. Her job is to work with the at-risk families.
299		* Discusses the use of screenings to determine the families who are at risk
320		* Process which the courts go through to determine the needs of the family.
384		Getting in touch with kids that may otherwise not have had access to these services.
380	Donna Pierson	Staff person to the Family Access Network, responsible for referring families to parenting classes, skill groups and other parent education services.
416		Working towards prevention and intervention
434		Story of family in Deschutes County
<b>TAPE 2, B</b>		
047		* Continued discussion about this particular family
049		* Another story about a family in Deschutes County
055	Pierson	Discusses how to improve their programs
060	Mazarol	Wraps up testimony and discusses how the program is changing.
073	Rep. Luke	Question about services provided
078	Paulson	* Answers question about providing services and resolving conflict
093	Mazarol	Answers questions about the status of these programs in other counties
102	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about termination hearings as they relate to the family court system.
145	Chair VanLeeuwen	Introduces Judge Ronald Poole from Douglas County and Don Mills, Court Administrator for Douglas County.
148	Judge Ronald Poole	Introduction to family court system in Douglas County ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> )

162		Discussion of how the family court works in Douglas County
182		* Discussion of state law 96.272
220		* Continued testimony on family court system in Douglas County
300		* Continued testimony on family court system in Douglas County
353		Asks Committee for more resources for the family court in Douglas County.
404		Asks Committee for a termination of parental rights statute
<b>TAPE 3, A</b>		
032	Don Mills	Court Administrator for the Douglas County court system.
078		Discussion of the goals and objectives of the family court in the Douglas County trial court.
100	Gillian Nicolaides	Director of the Commission on Children and Families in Douglas County.
105		Example of how the Commission on Children and Families works in Douglas County
114		Way in which agencies in the community work together to provide resources.
125	Chair VanLeeuwen	Continued discussion about services.
132	Judge Poole	Discussion of how services are provided for the family.
146	Rep. Luke	Comment about the difference in the way that juvenile justice and human resources treat children who have committed a delinquent act.
160	Judge Poole	Answers above question and continues discussion about parental responsibility.
181	Chair VanLeeuwen	Thanks witnesses for their testimony and adjourns meeting at 3:05pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

**A-Coalition for Kid's pamphlet, Don Gray, 10pp.**

**B-Parent Partnership Organizational Chart, Peggy Lintula, 5pp.**

**C-Resource Guidelines, Judge Ronald Poole, 5pp.**