

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

February 20, 1997 Hearing Room B

1:00PM Tapes 26-28

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:

HB 2773 Public Hearing Invited Testimony

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 26,A		
006	Chair VanLeeuwen	Chair calls meeting to order at 1:07, opens public hearing on HB 2773.
<u>WHAT IS HEALTHY START?</u>		
032	Mary Ann Hard	Administrator of Healthy Start in Clackamas County. Details her testimony, including its five components and the way Clackamas County Healthy Start works.

093		Discusses partnerships with other agencies and organizations that they work with in order to provide the best possible service to children and families.
116		Discusses their relationship with Services to Children and Families.
152		Introduces Healthy Start family; Stephanie and Ashley.
161	Stephanie Wells	Discusses her relationship with Healthy Start and how they have served her needs.
195	Vice-Chair Piercy	Questions about how long Healthy Start has been in place in Clackamas County and what kind of measuring devices are in place to measure success.
204	Hard	Healthy Start has been in Clackamas County for four years. Healthy Start is evaluated through a statewide system at Oregon State University. They are also evaluated by their clients.
248	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about the relationship between Healthy Start and other county agencies.
255	Hard	Discusses their positive relationship with the Commission on Children and Families and other county agencies.
292	Rep. Kruse	Question about what percentage of clients are above the poverty line.
303	Hard	Of families that receive basic services, about seventy percent are above the poverty line. For the more intensive services only about forty percent are affected.
<u>KEY ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY START SYSTEM</u>		
358	Betty Groshong	Family Assessment Worker for Ready*Set*Go in Deschutes County. Explains the training that Healthy Start workers undergo including the components mandated by HB 2008.
397		Explains how Healthy Start operates with new mothers.
TAPE 27,A		
016		Explains the fifteen point screen (EXHIBIT A). This screening tool is also known as the Kempe assessment. Is a reliable tool for measuring stress levels in families.
053		Continued discussion of the assessment system and provides an example of what an assessment might look like.
086	Groshong	

		Provides an example of a family that has taken the assessment system.
112	Francine Shetterly	Volunteer with Marion-Polk Healthy Start system.
148		Explains what a visit from a Healthy Start volunteer is like.
177	Chair VanLeeuwen	References (EXHIBIT A)
181	Heidi Crane	Family Support Worker in Hood River County.
202		Explains the services that are available at Healthy Start in Hood River County.
227		Discusses the resources that she brings along to visits with the family.
251	Crane	Provides example of family that she works with, a mother who was smoking during pregnancy and during the nursing period.
310		Discusses evaluation that takes place with the baby during visits.
357		Provides specific example of mother who has been helped by working with Healthy Start.
391	Crane	Provides example of baby who was killed in Wasco County.
402	Chair	Questions the amount of staff employed by the program.
		Answers question, 2 support workers, 3 staff, 1 volunteer coordinator
422	Shetterly	Marion-Polk, 20 volunteers, 19 staff
TAPE 26,B		
027	Groshong	Discusses the collaboration of agencies that provide free services.
042	Chair VanLeeuwen	Where do volunteers work?
045	Crane	Works with clients that have 25 points or fewer on the assessment.
053	Rep. Simmons	Do they provide adoption referrals?
058	Crane	Not really, because they know in advance if a mother is planning on keeping her baby.
075	Rep. Piercy	How many homeless young women does Hood River deal with?
083	Crane	Not too many homeless, but many that are right on the verge of being evicted from their living arrangements.

092	Shetterly	Supports HB 2773.
109	Rep. Kruse	Question about whether or not they work closely with Head Start.
124	Hard	Working towards a universal system.
134	Chair VanLeeuwen	Comments about who has access to Healthy Start.
144	Vice-Chair Piercy	Comments about parenting classes.
164	Hard	Discusses parenting classes, their availability and the number that are available to parents.
190	Chair VanLeeuwen	What do caseworkers do when their services are rejected?
200	Groshong	They keep following up with the family.
<u>HEALTHY START: BUILDING A COMMUNITY SYSTEM</u>		
265	Judy Treanor	Administrator for Healthy Start of Linn County. Reads testimony from (EXHIBIT A). Discusses the collaboration of agencies with Healthy Start in Linn County.
323		How Healthy Start in Linn County evaluates those who need their services.
370		Developing community based groups that identify needed services and the gaps that are in the system.
420		Discusses reducing the duplication of services.
TAPE 27,B		
039		Seven paid staff at the Healthy Start program.
049	Barbara Sheridan	Staff to Healthy Start of Klamath County. Explains how their Healthy Start began with a physicians initiative. Hands out (EXHIBIT C).
066		Discusses how their program began and how they received funding.
070	Rep. Schrader	Are you one of the pilot projects?
072	Sheridan	No, strictly funded through grants and private funding.
074	Chair VanLeeuwen	Her understanding is that there is more than one county that is not part of the pilot project.
077	Fritz Jenkins	State Manager for the Healthy Start program. Answers that approximately four counties that have Healthy Start programs, but are not funded by state Healthy Start dollars.

105	Sheridan	Explains that weekly meetings are held to determine whether or not they are providing the appropriate services.
138		Discusses how they do their assessments.
180		Explains what types of families make up their clientele.
207	Sheridan	Story about child who was being abused.
245	Rep. Luke	Is the program just in Klamath Falls?
252	Sheridan	They do work in all areas of Klamath County.
269	Judy McMakin	Director of Coos County Commission on Children and Families
282		Discusses the makeup of their county and also what type of program they have developed as they are not a Healthy Start program.
364	McMakin	Discusses the consequences for children if they are not part of the Healthy Start system. Discusses brain research and references (EXHIBIT D)
401		Discusses the abuse that has been taking place in their county. Also the current situation taking place with the Girley Crum case.
TAPE 28,A		
036		Story about a particular child that they were able to help with their program.
055	Chair VanLeeuwen	Adjourns meeting at 3:00

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Ready*Set*Go, Healthy Start, "Model for Service Delivery," Betty Groshong, pp.3.

B - Healthy Start, written testimony, Judy Treanor, 3pp.

C - Healthy Start, written materials, Barbara Sheridan, 117pp.

D - Healthy Start, written materials, Judy McMakin, 10pp.