

OCDD Policy Advocacy Update October 2020 and Beyond

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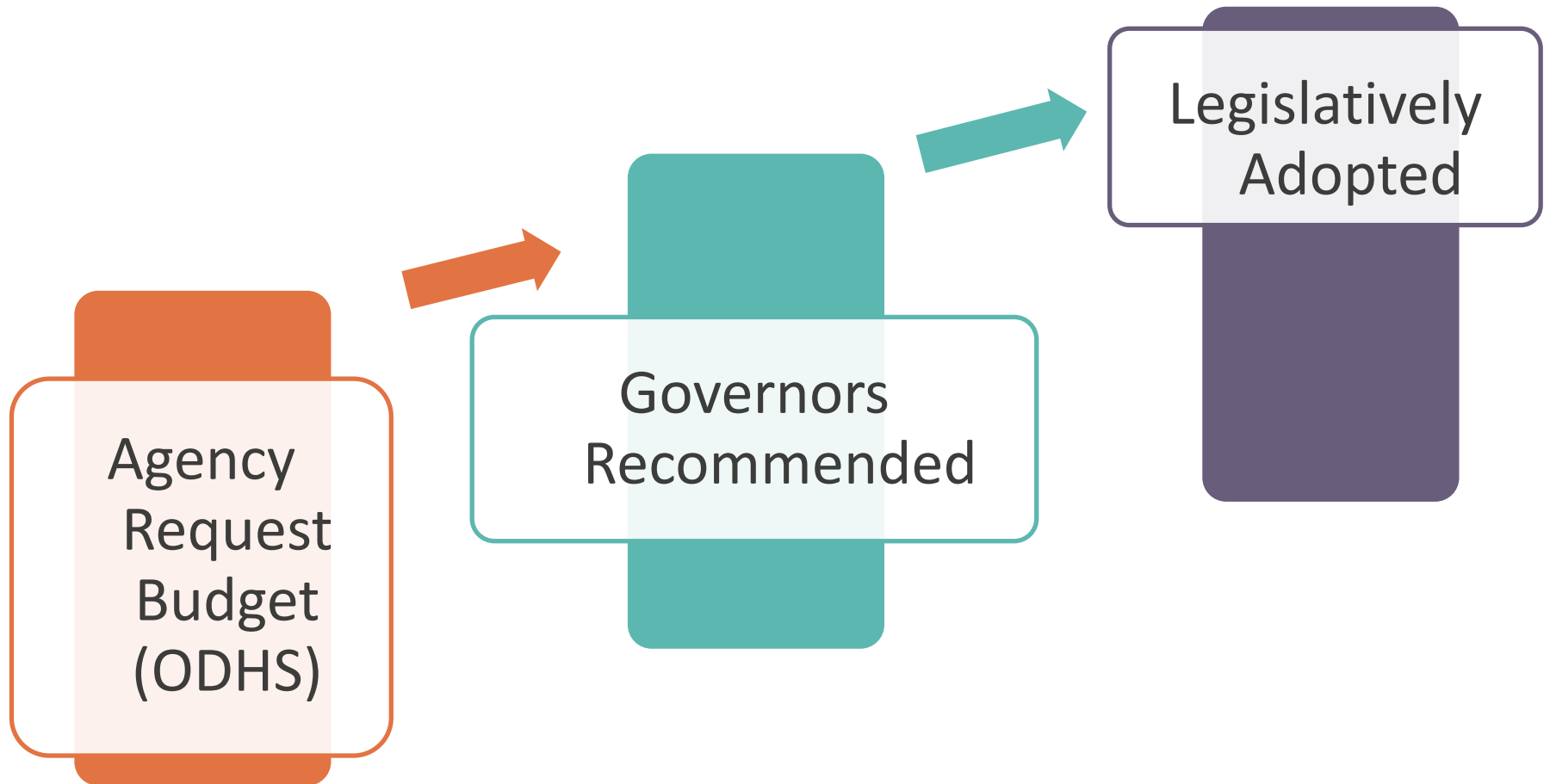
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State Budget: When is it created?

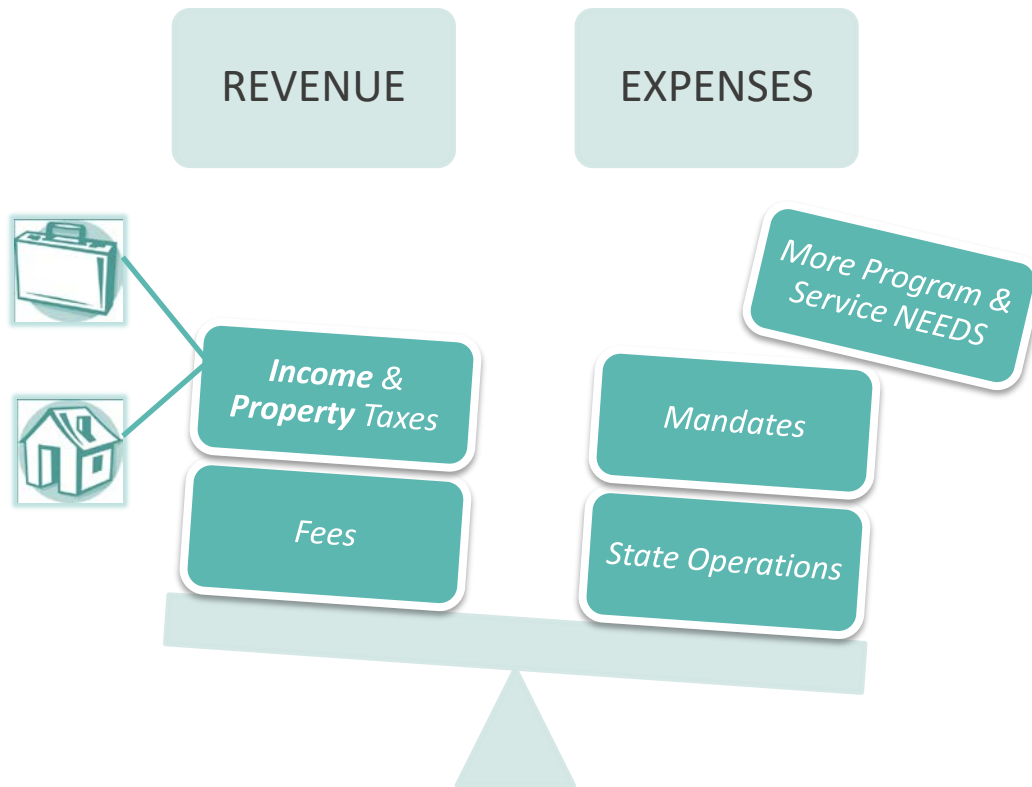
- Legislature sets the state budget every two years on ODD numbered years (2019, 2021...)
- Budgets are set in these “long sessions” which last 160 days.
- Budget “tweaks” or rebalances happen in even numbered years or special legislative sessions.



How is the budget built?



State Budget: Recession Is Here, but for how long?



But, how much money can Oregon budget?

- Quarterly revenue forecasts from state economists at Oregon Office of Economic Analysis
- Include trends information for
 - Revenue (money that comes in with personal and corporate tax)
 - Risks
 - Unexpected events (wildfires, COVID)
- Why do we care?
 - These forecasts determine how much money goes to Oregon services, like DD services, the Oregon Health Plan and schools.

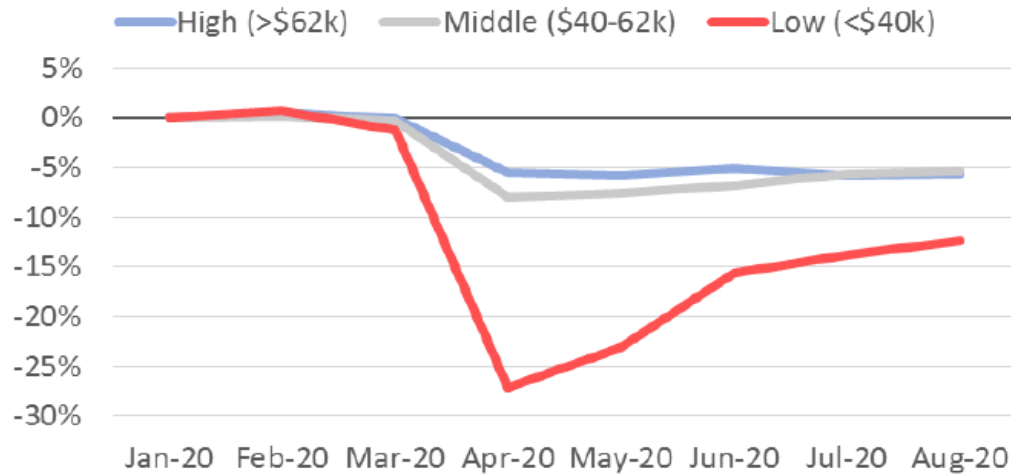




Nature of layoffs

Oregon Employment by Wage

Percent Change Since January 2020, Terciles Based on Industry Average Wage



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

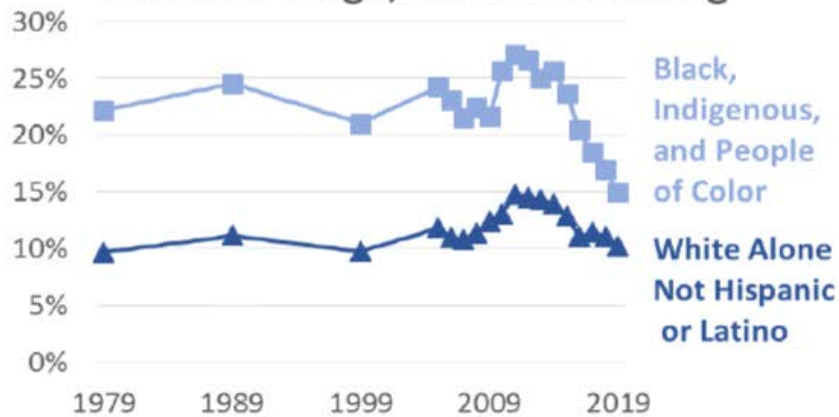
- Inequality leading to stronger topline income and spending numbers than employment indicates
- Low-wage workers bear the brunt of the recession
- Middle- and high-wage sectors suffer large losses, and are not growing yet as the recessionary shock reverberates through the economy





COVID's economic impact on racial disparities still to be determined

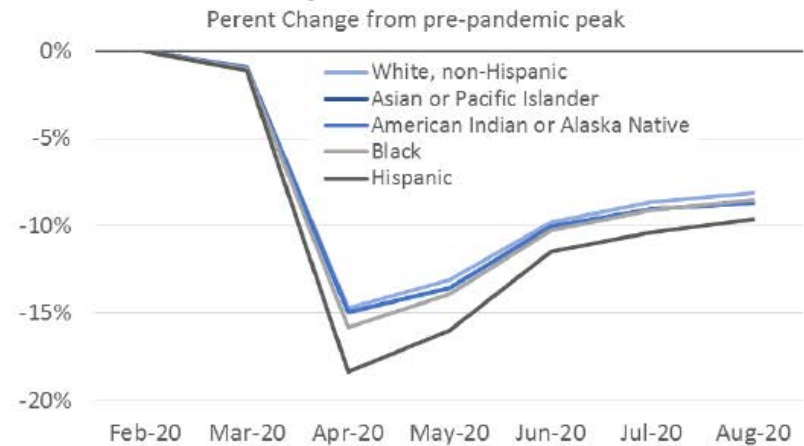
Oregon's Racial Poverty Gap Remains Large, But is Narrowing



Source: Census, IPUMS-USA, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis



Projected Employment Losses by Race and Ethnicity based on Industrial Mix



Source: IPUMS-USA, Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis



What can we expect?

1. Look for many ups and downs for revenue in the next three years.
2. We will need to be nimble and have many different strategies to protect services Oregonians with IDD depend on.

What we know	What we don't know
Legislators support DD services	When session will start
DD Community is united and organized	How it will work as a virtual session
There are only 3 ways to cut money out of the DD System	How much money will be available



What are we doing?

Working in coalitions & getting ready!

- Children's Cabinet meetings resumed and will build a children's agenda for the Governor's budget and legislative budget.
- Coalitions are building legislative agendas now...
 - Early Childhood Coalition will finalize their priorities in Nov./Dec.
 - DD Coalition has identified their starting legislative priorities and will start GO! Project work shortly
 - OSAC will identify their priorities in December
 - Human Services Coalition will identify priorities in January.

And continuing non-Legislative priorities!



5 Year Plan: Areas of Emphasis

Data Analysis



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Healthcare: Themes

Children with IDD and special health care needs may face additional challenges accessing the healthcare system

Insurance does not always cover needed services

Coverage for services may vary by Coordinated Care Organization

Youth with special health care needs, including those with IDD, need support to transition to adult health care

Healthcare: Themes



Families of children with special needs note additional challenges including:

- Language, literacy or cultural barriers to accessing care
- Difficulty qualifying for services for children with behavioral health issues or developmental disabilities
- Accessing care or transportation to care for families living in rural Oregon

Families report the following services as hard to get:

- Allied health care
 - Behavioral and mental health services
 - Health supports
 - Respite care
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Education/Early Intervention: Themes

- Over 78,000 Oregon children in K-12 grade were identified as students experiencing disability
- From 2018-2019 1/3 of all students eligible for EI/ECSE received an adequate level of services
- Oregon school districts are funding to receive double weight for up to 11% of their population for students with disabilities, however, more than 80% of Oregon districts have identified more than 11% of their student as eligible to receive special education services
- Children with disabilities are experiencing poorer academic outcomes than their peers without disabilities
- Rural districts compete with urban districts for talent, have limited access to specialists, and more severe shortage of primary care and child-care providers



Education/Early Intervention: Themes

EI/ECSE programs experience the following challenges:

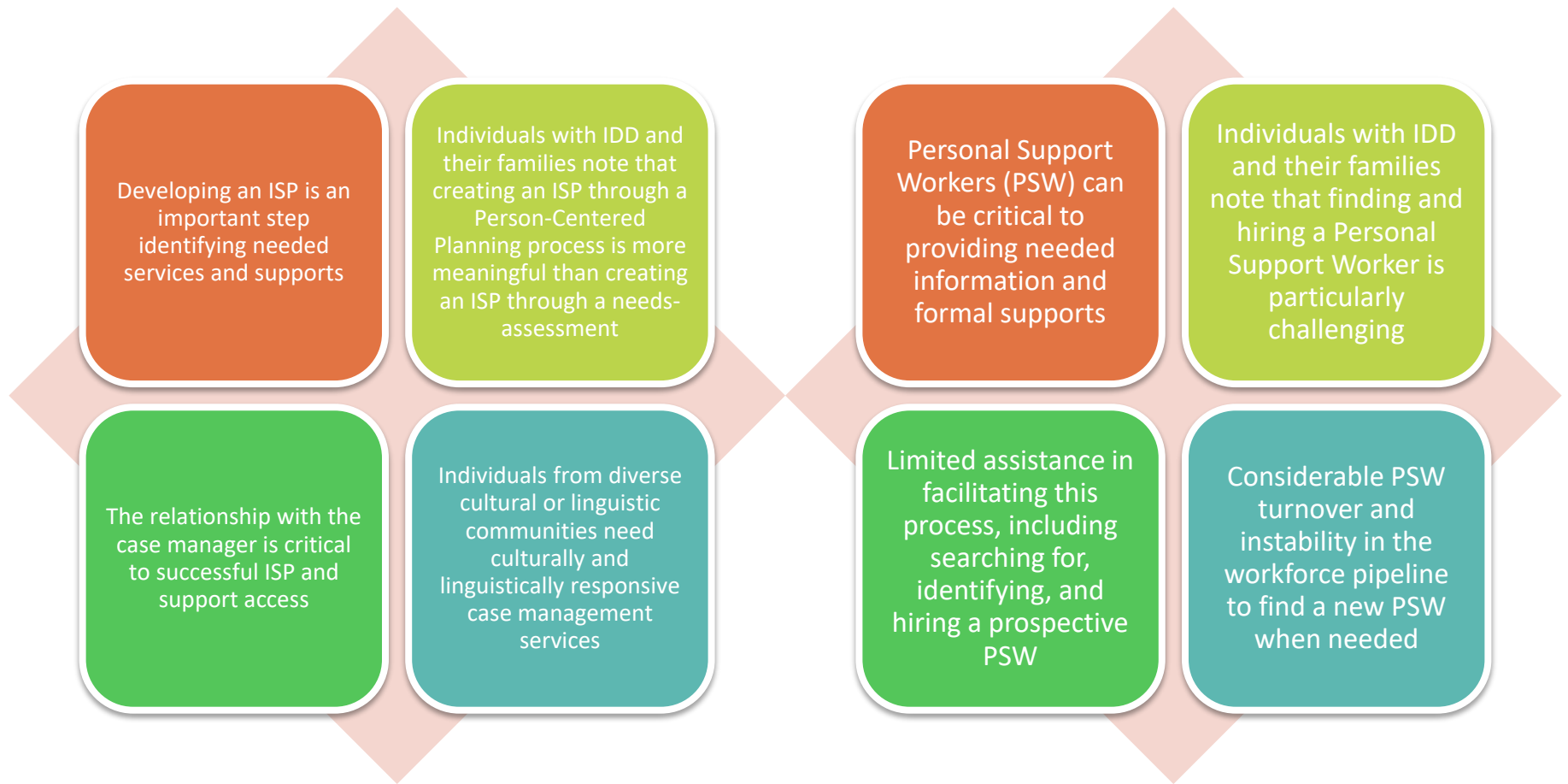
- Providing adequate services for increasing numbers of children referred and found eligible
 - Increasing numbers of children with complex behavioral and/or mental health needs
 - Persistent decreases in funding for Regional Programs for Low Incidence disabilities leading to significant reduction in services
 - Inclusion for traditionally marginalized populations within Oregon
 - Hiring and retaining qualified staff to provide service, particularly in rural areas
 - Addressing equity within programs
 - Finding inclusive placements that meet children's needs
 - Supporting community providers to meet children's unique needs in their settings
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Employment: Themes

support
training
inclusion
employment
partnership
collaboration
self-advocate
disability
discovery
options

- Self-advocates with IDD define a good life as including support to get and keep a job and working hard.
 - From October 2019 to March 2020, 5,101 total individuals with IDD participated in employment services with Oregon's Office of Development Disabilities Services, and 2,797 individuals were served with employment.
 - Continued opportunities to increase collaboration between VR, the education system, and IDD providers include:
 - Reconciling Employment First and individual choice
 - Sheltered workshop closures and limited employment pathway options
 - Discovery requirements
 - Contract differences across state agencies serving people with disabilities
 - More specialized training and partnerships to serve people with IDD
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Informal and formal services and supports: Themes



FFY 2021 Proposed Budget

As of October 15, 2020

Estimated income	
Federal ACL Grant	
FFY 2020 rollover	\$144,848
Estimated FFY 2021 annual award	\$777,448
Subtotal	\$922,296
Oregon DHS Match	
State DHS FFY 2020 match adjustment (cash)	\$0
FFY 2021 match adjustment (cash)	\$0
Subtotal	\$0
Interagency Agreements	
Family Networks (last qtrly payment through 12/31/20)	\$144,106
Inclusive Partners (ODE Grant)	\$592,041
Autism Commission (OCASD)	\$49,025
NCI (estimated--new contract in process)	\$11,000
Subtotal	\$796,172
Estimated Total income	\$1,718,468
Estimated expenses	
Salary and benefits (5 Council Staff FTE) estimated at \$631,079	
Grant personnel costs paid by AIDD	\$589,676
Personnel costs paid by IAAs	\$41,403
Subtotal	\$631,079
Operating expenses	
DSA (Cost Allocations)	\$0
Out of State Travel	\$0
Council meetings/events/stipends/mileage	\$5,000
In State Travel	\$5,000
Office expenses	\$4,000
Telecommunications	\$8,000
Dues and subscriptions (NASDDDS, LifeCourse CofP)	\$16,500
Professional development	\$7,500
Mail/postage	\$1,000
Membership fees (NACDD, ORFWA)	\$6,600
Sponsorships	\$2,000
Subtotal	\$55,600
Contracts and Professional Services	
Translation, captioning and interpretation	\$40,000
Website and media	\$15,000
1.1 Niko Boskovic Blog	\$3,956
1.4 Implementation of Equity Comm Rec (contractor)	\$10,000
2.1 OSAC (through 3-31-21)	\$50,000
2.1 Proposed new OSAC contract (4/1/21 to 9/30/21)	\$50,000
2.3 AEI	\$5,000
2.5 Proposed new contracts w/cultural brokers	\$0
2.7 Nick Kaasa	\$10,000
2.7 Graphic Recording--Aniko Adany	\$5,000
Subtotal	\$188,956
Interagency agreements--expenditures	
Family Network contracts (8 contracts; expiring 12/31/20)	\$144,106
Inclusive Partners agreement w/ODE (incl 5 FTE/Progr Staf	\$592,041
OCASD agreements with ODE & DHS	\$34,025
National Core Indicators (NCI)	\$10,000
Subtotal	\$780,172
Total Estimated Expenses	\$1,655,807
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Unallocated Funds	\$62,661