

# Legislative Update

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Oregon Council on  
Developmental Disabilities

# Agenda

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- Context and goals for this session
- DD services budget
- Policy Bills of interest
- Advocacy Days



# 2023 Legislative Session Details

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- Long session to set state budget for the next two years
- Began Jan. 17, 2023...Sine Die on or before June 25, 2023
- 2,242 bills introduced so far
- DD Coalition tracking 239 of those bills





## Support Regional Family to Family Networks

Regional Family Networks support more than 13,500 families experiencing disability, many of whom have barriers accessing the formal developmental disability service system. Regional family networks work in partnership with thousands of community-based organizations to reduce inequities for marginalized families.

**Only \$1.5 million per biennium continues this essential support for families.\***

## Establish DSP Wage Standards

Respond to the DSP wage inequities by setting the average wage for direct support professionals to 150% of the Portland metro minimum wage and cover the cost of paid family leave to stabilize this essential workforce and reduce turnover that places people with IDD at higher risk. Long-term solution to a long-term issue.

**Support HB 2457 and POP 132**



# Oregon DD Coalition

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## Fully Fund Case Management Entities

**Ensure DD Case Management Entities are fully funded.** DD Case Management funding has not kept pace with the increased workload and complexities of the work over the past several years. Full funding of the DD workload model and periodic administrative reviews are needed to ensure case managers who are a vital lifeline to Oregon Oregonians with IDD are adequately compensated for their work.

**Support HB 2448 and POP 130**

## Support Healthier Oregon

Provides access to DD services for everyone who meets disability criteria for DD services and Medicaid regardless of their immigration status.

**Support POP 105\***

**\* in Governor's Recommended Budget**

*Oregon is strongest when everyone has access to the support they need when they need it.*

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# Building Oregon's Budget for the 2023–2025 Biennium

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Building the State Budget has three steps:

Agency Request Budget: Spring 2022. Includes what an agency needs for “continuing service level” and “policy option packages” for new investments



Governor's Recommended Budget: with new Governor, this comes out when session starts January 2023. We are here in the process!



Legislatively Approved Budget: Sets the actual state budget. June 2023



# For DD Services, the Governor's Budget included the following:

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- - Fully funding the rate model and payment categories for DD Services using the new service groups on the Oregon Needs Assessment
- - A case management system, a universal provider portal and agency provider system to improve provider reporting capabilities
- - Two positions for cross-systems collaboration with Child Welfare to ensure services to parents with DD
- - Funding and positions for the Model Employer Program with a dedicated pool of positions within ODDS to facilitate the hiring of people with DD throughout the Department of Human Services
- - Investment in the Special Appropriation in the Emergency Fund for Personal Support Workers and Home Care Workers for better wages
- - We understand that the Family Network funding and case management funding is included in the Current Service Level



# Policy Bills to Watch

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## DD Services

- SB 91/SB 646– Paying parents of minor children for attendant care
- HB 2457 – Increase Direct Support Professional wages to 150% of the minimum wage
- HB 2448- Updates to classifications and compensation to CDDP and Brokerages

## Decision Making

- SB 528- Guardianship





# More Policy Bills

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## Supporting Employed People with DD

- SB 576 – Employed People with Disabilities medical program
- SB 571- Requires employers to offer contributions to ABLE accounts

## Housing

- SB 799– Rent protections

## K-12 Education

- SB 819 – Shortened school day
- SB 790- Seclusion and restraint



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<https://orddcoalition.org/go-project/>

## 2023 DD Advocacy Days

01/12/23 Online 10AM-12PM

01/12/23 Online 2-4PM Advanced Advocacy

02/23/23 Willamette Heritage Center Dye House, Salem  
3-5PM | **Legislator Reception 5-7PM**

03/16/23 Online 10AM-12PM

03/16/23 Online 2-4PM Spanish-Language Session

04/27/23 Willamette Heritage Center Dye House, Salem  
3-5PM | **Legislator Reception 5-7PM**

05/25/23 Online 10AM-12PM

**Support Developmental  
Disabilities Community  
Advocacy Priorities**

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