

1                   BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
2                   FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

3                                   ORDINANCE NO. 780

4           An Ordinance repealing Multnomah County Ordinances 632 and  
5 751, and creating the Multnomah Commission on Children and  
6 Families, and declaring an emergency.

7           Multnomah County ordains as follows:

8           Section I.        Title

9           This Ordinance shall be known as the Multnomah Commission on  
10 Children and Families Ordinance.

11           Section II.     Findings

12           (A) The 1993 Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Commission  
13 on Children and Families by the passage of House Bill 2004, which  
14 amends 1993 Oregon Laws Ch. 676.

15           (B) The Multnomah Commission on Children and Families (MCCF),  
16 as required by statute, will replace the existing Children and  
17 Youth Services Commission in Multnomah County. To avoid an  
18 unnecessary interruption in the provision of existing and future  
19 services, an emergency is hereby declared.

20           Section III.    Commission Membership, Vacancies

21           (A) As of the effective date of this Ordinance, the Multnomah  
22 Commission on Children and Families shall be comprised of not more  
23 than 30 members who will serve staggered terms of two, three or  
24 four years in duration. Positions 1 through 10 shall serve two  
25 year terms; positions 11-20 shall serve three year terms; positions  
26 21-30 shall serve four year terms. Vacancies on the Commission

shall be declared by the Commission as provided in the Commission's  
1 bylaws.

2 (B) The Board of County Commissions will appoint and maintain  
3 a membership which is culturally diverse and geographically  
4 representative of Multnomah County.

5 Section IV. Commission Charge and Responsibilities

6 (A) The principle mission of the MCCF is to conduct a  
7 comprehensive, inclusive planning process for the children and  
8 families of Multnomah County. That process will be based in the  
9 community and guided by the following core values:

10 (1) The family is, and should be, the primary caretaker and  
11 nurturer of children. Communities are the primary  
12 nurturers of families. Therefore, children and youth  
13 shall be served in a context of their families, when  
14 families are available, and families shall be served in  
15 the context of their communities.

16 (2) As they grow, children and youth move through a series of  
17 developmental states which may or may not relate to their  
18 age. Therefore, services shall be developmentally  
19 appropriate.

20 (3) There is richness in diversity; and the children, youth,  
21 and families of this County bring a wealth of cultural  
22 traditions, lifestyles, and abilities to our community.  
23 Therefore, services shall be easily accessible, non-  
24 stigmatizing and culturally sensitive and relevant.

25 (4) Services for children, youth and families should

reinforce one another and be a part of a coordinated system. Therefore, services shall be part of an integrated network of services which address the needs of children and families.

(5) All children, youth and families have strengths, skills, and capacities from which they build self-esteem. Therefore, services should build on the strengths of individuals, families and communities.

(6) Children, youth and families have different levels of need at different times. Therefore, the service delivery system shall be designed to promote wellness, healthy growth, and development of children and families while recognizing that prevention and intervention strategies must be incorporated into any comprehensive system.

(B) The MCCF shall develop policy, and oversee the development and implementation of a local plan designed to achieve outcome measures consistent with the above values, and with urgent benchmarks as defined by the Oregon Progress Board and the Portland/Multnomah Progress Board.

(C) The MCCF shall review and comment on all planning affecting children, youth, and families in Multnomah County. Planning is defined as those initiatives which address significant policy or program outcomes and planning objectives related to children and families. County departments, divisions and their advisory boards shall be required to present their plans to the MCCF for review and comment before submitting them to the Board of

County Commissioners. The MCCF will establish criteria to assist  
1 Divisions and Departments in determining what planning efforts are  
2 subject to Commission review.

3 (D) The MCCF shall advocate in the legislature, in local  
4 governments, in the media and through public education efforts on  
5 behalf of the children, youth and families of the community.

6 Section V. Commission Planning Process

7 (A) The MCCF shall develop a comprehensive plan which will  
8 assess community assets and capacities as well as service gaps;  
9 establish desired outcomes consistent with identified benchmarks  
10 and related strategies; catalog current responses to problems and  
11 best practices; assess the effectiveness of existing services;  
12 explore opportunities for leveraging resources, and recommend  
13 evaluation and advocacy strategies. A detailed planning guide will  
14 be developed to assist the MCCF in the preparation of a  
15 comprehensive plan.

16 (B) The MCCF will involve in its planning process concerned  
17 community-based organizations and other groups.

18 (C) The comprehensive plan will be submitted for approval to  
19 the Board of County Commissioners.

20 (D) The MCCF will develop a comprehensive plan for children  
21 and families, set priorities within the plan, and recommend to the  
22 Board of County Commissioners an allocation of funds for which the  
23 this MCCF is responsible based on those priorities. Planning  
24 related to these funds, including the development of requests for  
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proposals and proposal review, will be done by the appropriate  
1 County divisions and departments. Commission staff will assist the  
2 divisions and departments to promote coordination and ensure  
3 consistency in the funding-related planning process.

4 Section VI. Repeal

5 Multnomah County Ordinances 632 and 751 are hereby repealed.

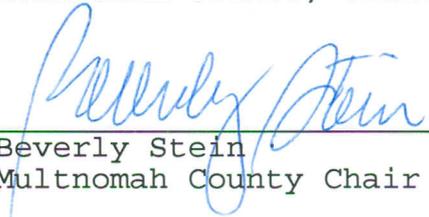
6 Section VII. Declaring an Emergency

7 This Ordinance being necessary for the health, safety, and  
8 general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency is  
9 declared and the Ordinance shall take effect upon its execution by  
10 the County Chair, pursuant to Section 5.50 of the Charter of  
11 Multnomah County.

12 APPROVED this 16th day of December, 1993, being the date  
13 of its first reading before the Board of County Commissioners  
14 of Multnomah County.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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