

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 00-153

Approving Early Childhood Planning and Funding

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Commissioner Lisa Naito has led an extensive community planning process which developed recommendations regarding early childhood services and issued *Coming Together for Children: An inventory of resources and needs for young children and families in Multnomah County*.
- b. The Citizens' Crime Commission issued a study in June, 2000, concluding that "the most efficient and cost effective way to reduce crime is to intervene as early as possible in the lives of high-risk children." The Commission recommended that "in both the pre-natal to age 4 and K to Grade 4 groups, an integrated continuum of primary, secondary and tertiary programs should be considered." The recommended continuum of pre-natal to Age 4 programs included Healthy Start, In Home Nurse Visitation, Early Head Start, Head Start, and Relief Nursery.
- c. On August 23, 2000, the Portland City Council passed a resolution expressing its intent to appropriate \$1,000,000 towards an early childhood development fund and resolving that Commissioner Dan Saltzman will help develop a focused strategy.
- d. The Board of County Commissioners acknowledges the cost effectiveness of investments in early childhood programs and urges its state and federal government, foundation, and business partners to embrace this initiative and contribute their time, energy and resources towards its success.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board intends to approve \$1,000,000 for early childhood related programs in its 2001-2002 budget. The Board will begin implementation of these programs in the current fiscal year if funding permits.
2. The Board resolves to work with Portland City Council and other interested jurisdictions to develop a coordinated strategy to promote successful early childhood development in our community.
3. Commissioner Lisa Naito will work with Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman and other interested parties in developing a strategic plan concerning

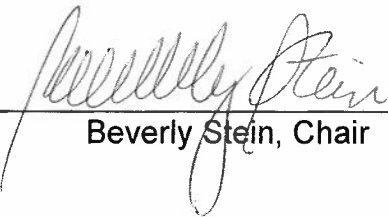
how City and County resources will be targeted. The elected officials will review their plan with their respective elected bodies in March, 2001. The plan will be developed in conjunction with the Multnomah Commission on Children, Families and Community. If possible, the plan will incorporate the SUN schools initiative.

4. The Board will meet with Portland City Council to discuss matters of mutual concern following the November 2000 General Election.

ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2000.

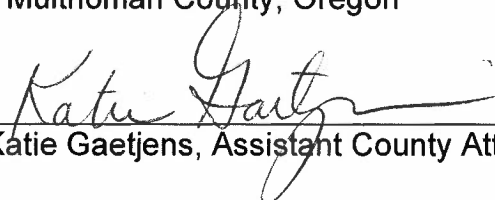


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