



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

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Meeting Date: 10/1/13
Agenda Item #: B.2
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am
Date Submitted: 9/25/13

Agenda Title: Briefing on the Defending Childhood Initiative

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: 10/1/2013
Time Needed: 30 minutes
Department: Non Departmental
Division: Shiprack
Contact(s): Matthew Lashua
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Annie Neal, Erin Fairchild – DCHS DV; Invited Guests

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No Action – Informational Board Briefing

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Defending Childhood Initiative is one of US Attorney General Eric Holder's priorities and is jointly managed by the Office of Justice Programs, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and Office on Violence Against Women. Since 2010, The Department of Justice has provided over 2.27 million in funding to Multnomah County to build local capacity to recognize, respond to and prevent children's exposure to violence. This briefing will provide information on how these dollars are being spent, the work currently undertaken and future planning.

Research from the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence finds that 60% of children were exposed to some form of violence in the past year and children are more likely exposed to violence than adults. Further, on-going research of trauma and child development finds chronic stress and trauma in childhood can lead to poor physical, behavioral and mental health outcomes over their lifespan.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

US Dept of Justice Grant Funding = 2.27 million projected 2010 - 2016

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

A collaborative planning body composed of an extensive list of community partners was convened to identify community priorities and assess knowledge, training needs and gaps.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director: Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack **Date:** 9/25/13

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