

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ordinance No. 612

An ordinance establishing the Children's Task Force and the Great Start Committee. Multnomah County ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

A. The Governor has announced the beginning of a "Children's Agenda" and has included some additional funds for children in his 1989-91 budget.

B. In anticipation of those requests being approved by the Legislature, Multnomah County should begin the planning process for how those funds should be maximized.

C. The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for appointing a Children's Task Force (CTF) and Great Start Committee (GSC).

D. The CTF will be the coordinating body for reviewing new Children's Agenda programs in the County. The recommendations of the Great Start Committee will be reviewed by the CTF and approved by the Board of County Commissioners before being submitted to the state.

E. Prevention intervention and treatment programs for children 0 to 7 remains one of the Board's top priorities.

SECTION 2. CHILDREN'S TASK FORCE CREATED

A. The CHILDREN'S TASK FORCE is hereby created. It shall consist of [~~nine~~] twelve positions:

Leader's Roundtable

Three representatives, including one business representative.

Juvenile Services Commission

Three representatives, including one from the Prevention Committee.

Additional Appointments

[Three] Six other representatives appointed to achieve a balanced committee reflecting the [~~following~~:
the] racial, ethnic and geographic composition of the county [~~providers, advocates, parents, health professionals, school districts, state agencies serving youth, and labor~~]

These appointments should be providers of and/or advocates for child care (1)

mental health services for young children (1)

health services for young children (1)

children's pre-school education (1)

and representatives of
Children's Services Division (1)
Juvenile Court (1)

B. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed in accord with the Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 3. STAFFING AND MEETINGS

A. The Children's Task Force will initially be staffed by the Leader's Roundtable and Youth Program Office. Staff is welcome to pursue funding options for providing dedicated staff to assist with the CTF and GSC.

B. Task Force meetings will be subject to the Oregon Open Meetings Law.

SECTION 4. DUTIES

The Children's Task Force will:

1. oversee the implementation of the Children's Agenda
2. report recommendations of the Great Start Committee to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval.
3. coordinate the new Children's Agenda programs developed by the County, CSD, SRI, and JSC
4. attempt to involve the business community and citizens in efforts to expand the impact of the new programs
5. be the contact point for the state for the Children's Agenda, including serving as
 - a clearing-house for agency rules and regulations
 - a forum for discussion of legislation and policy
 - a central point for the discussion of state and local program elements
 - a check-off point for local DHR contracts affecting children
 - a plan to stimulate and use volunteer efforts
6. use the Juvenile Services Commission's youth planning process as the first step towards developing a county wide comprehensive youth plan

SECTION 5. GREAT START COMMITTEE CREATED

A. The GREAT START COMMITTEE is hereby created. It shall consist of [~~twelve~~] twenty one positions:

Juvenile Services Commission Prevention Committee [8] 9
[Four] Five current JSC members

Four at large members representing the Health Division, special education, early intervention services, and the Governor's Child Care Committee

[Four additional representatives appointed to achieve a balanced committee reflecting the following: the racial, ethnic and geographic composition of the county, advocates, mental health providers, health professionals, and parents of small children]

Leader's Roundtable Early Childhood Committee (10)
Ten members of Early Childhood Committee representing employment, Headstart, early childhood education, United Way, providers of children's services, teen parents programs, business, community colleges, parenting education, and drug affected moms and babies.

Additional members (2)
Advocate, planner, or provider of:
mental health services for young children (1)
alcohol and drug related services for young children (1)

B. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed in accord with the Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 6. STAFFING AND MEETINGS

A. The Great Start Committee will be staffed by the Youth Program Office.

B. Committee meetings will be subject to the Oregon Open Meetings Law.

SECTION 7. DUTIES

A. The Great Start Committee will:

1. Develop specific programs for county block grant money from the state designed to address prevention and remediation services for children from prenatal period through age six.
2. Additionally, coordinate with appropriate county staff the development of proposals in the following areas:
 - a. Primary Care Health Clinics
 - b. High Risk Infant Screening/Followup
 - c. Emotionally Disturbed Children

SECTION 8. PLAN

A. The Children's Task Force and the Great Start Committee will meet as needed until January 1, 1990. After January, they should meet quarterly or as needed. They should attempt to develop a consensus plan about how to consolidate and streamline the existing network of youth planning committees.

SECTION 9. ADOPTION

A. This ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, shall take effect on May 1, 1989, pursuant to Section 5.50(1)(a) of the Charter of Multnomah County.

Adopted this 30th day of March, 1989,
being the date of its second reading before the Board of County
Commissioners of Multnomah County.

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