

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 01-071

Appointing a Task Force to Develop Recommendations for Services to Children and their Families in Schools

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County has the following benchmarks:
 - School Success: assisting students and their families enjoy success in schools.
 - Reduction of Poverty: the reduction and amelioration of poverty.

- b. Multnomah County operates or provides support for programs of service for children and their families in schools. They include:
 - ◆ School based health clinics;
 - ◆ School based mental health consultants;
 - ◆ Touchstone;
 - ◆ SUN schools and Family Resource Centers;
 - ◆ School Attendance Initiative;
 - ◆ Caring Communities;
 - ◆ Community and Family Service Centers - school-based services.

- c. There may be opportunities for additional state and federal funds for these programs.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Chair will appoint a School-Based Programs Task Force. Its members will include one or two County Commissioner(s) as convener(s), County staff, community leaders and service providers.

2. The Task Force will:
 - ◆ Inventory of County funded school-based or school-related programs, including their source of funding, goals and impacts;
 - ◆ List options for improving services and coordination, with pros and cons for each option;
 - ◆ Identify overlap and duplication of efforts, and opportunities to streamline programs and administration;
 - ◆ Suggest methods to maximize state and federal matching funds;
 - ◆ Propose ways to minimize the paperwork required of providers, while collecting proper data to measure outcomes;

- ◆ Identify outcomes that can be measured and communicated; and
 - ◆ Provide a report to the Chair by February 1, 2002.
3. The following principles should guide the Task Force in its work:
- ◆ Access to services children and their families in school;
 - ◆ Services should address children and families most in need and at highest risk of negative outcomes;
 - ◆ The community has many resources to support students and their families. These informal supports are important;
 - ◆ The basis for planning and services will be a strengths-based, assets approach for all students and families in the County;
 - ◆ Special attention and funding are important to communities within the County who, whether because of language or cultural differences, have difficulty accessing traditional services;
 - ◆ School success programs efforts should be within schools. Schools must be enlisted as full partners in the support and provision of these services;
 - ◆ Major services efforts should receive three to five year funding commitments from the County and be expected to provide meaningful outcome and evaluation studies; and
 - ◆ Services should be evaluated for efficiency and the delivery of outcomes.

Adopted this 31st day of May, 2001.



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