# **Heathy Families Oregon**









### Healthy Families America (HFA)

A nationally recognized, evidence-based home visiting program model designed to work with overburdened families who are at-risk for adverse childhood experiences, including child maltreatment.



### HFA: development & accreditation

• The HFA model, developed in 1992 by <u>Prevent Child Abuse America</u>, is based upon 12 Critical Elements derived from more than 30 years of research to ensure programs are effective in working with families.

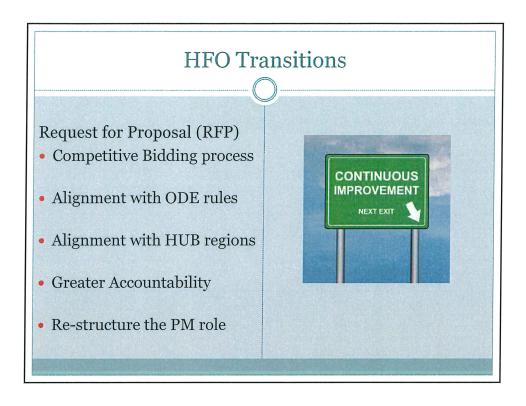


- Model fidelity:
  - Yearly site visits from HFO Central Administration
  - o Demonstrated adherence to 150 standards
  - o Comprehensive accreditation process, every 5 years.

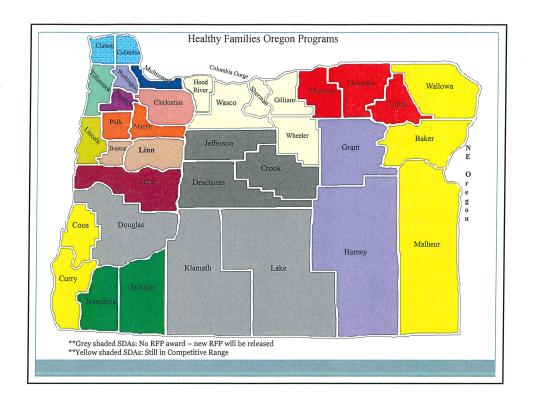
# How many families do we serve?

- Last year, HFO served just under 2,500 families each year through home visits.
- Last year, HFO screened just under 9,000 families for eligibility









# Legislative Investment for HFO

- \$9.5 Million Increase for HFO Statewide
  - o Right size smallest programs
  - o Improve staff wages and reduce staff turn-over
    - ➤ How does staff turn over affect families?
  - o Serve More Families!!
  - o Invest in Quality
    - ▼ Increased # of trainings
    - × New trainings
    - Increased TA Support to some sites



# How does HFO fit into the goals of the Early Learning Division?

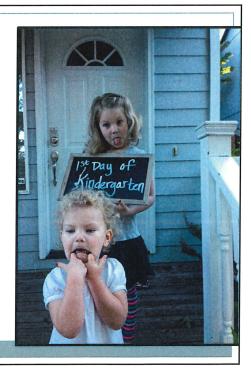
"When children feel safe, secure and loved, their brains are open and available for learning"





Supporting families so that their children are ready to learn in a classroom by Kindergarten...

(and for the rest of their lives!)



### Best Beginnings – HFO Advisory Role

### **HFA Multi-Site Standards for Advisory:**

A-3. The multi-site system has a broadly-based group (not limited to representatives of member sites/host agencies) which serves in an advisory capacity in the planning and coordination of services and system activities.

### A-3.2 & A-3.3

A-3.2 The advisory group is comprised of state/system-level stakeholders with diverse professional and cultural representation, including individuals from within and outside the multi-site system and with capacity to advocate and promote the integration of HFA within a broader network of supports and services, on behalf of the needs of families throughout the state/multi-site system.

A-3.3 The central administration staff and the advisory group work as an effective team to monitor the multi-site system's goals and objectives and to recommend strategies for improvement.

# Advisory Role

- Best Beginnings; HFO Advisory
  - o Wealth of knowledge and experience
  - o No rubber stamps of approval
  - o Get to know the HFO Polices and BPS
    - \* We'll start going over one each meeting
- HFO Work Group
  - Nuts and bolts
  - o Planning