

# Best Beginnings Committee Membership

## Best Beginnings Committee Charge

The Best Beginnings Committee is charged with advising the ELC on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to serving at-risk families who are pregnant and/or have children aged 3 years old or under. Areas of responsibility include, but not limited to defining a set of core prenatal through age 3 priorities for the ELC in accordance with the strategies and tactics adopted in the 2015-2020 strategic plan. The subcommittee will serve as the Advisory Committee to the Healthy Families Oregon program, as required by Healthy Families America and the standards for this program.

## Membership

The Best Beginnings Committee is comprised of the following members:

### Early Childhood Advocates (Three Seats):

James Barta, Legislative Director, Children First for Oregon

Cindy Bond, Prevention Manager, Old Mill Center for Children & Families

Elena Rivera, Health Policy & Program Advisor, Children's Institute (*Committee Co-Chair*)

### HFO/Home-based Services Program – *Required for HFA Accreditation* (Two Seats):

Marguerite Kenagy, HFO Program Manager - Marion Polk Counties

Jessica Britt, HFO Program Manager - Umatilla & Union Counties

### Early Learning Researcher (One Seat):

Beth Green, Director of Early Childhood and Family Support Research, PSU

### Foundations/Community Leaders & Partners (Two Seats):

Christy Cox, Early Childhood Development Program Officer, The Ford Family Foundation

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### Health Sector (One Seat):

Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Manager, Yamhill Public Health

### Human Services Sector (One Seat):

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### Flexible (Four Seats):

Donalda Dodson, Early Learning Council Member

Janet Dougherty-Smith, Early Learning Council Member

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Early Learning Council Members:

Martha Brooks, Early Learning Council Member – *Committee Chair*