



Healthy Families State Advisory Committee

Charge

The Healthy Families Oregon State Advisory Committee advises the Healthy Families Oregon (HFO) state office at the Early Learning Division on planning and coordination for Oregon's HFO multi-site system. The Committee's recommendations assist the HFO state office to fulfill the program's mission to support positive parenting and healthy growth and development for all Oregon families expecting or parenting newborns who need and accept extra support, and to do so in adherence to the Healthy Families America Best Practice Standards.

The Oregon Early Learning System goals are that children are raised in healthy, stable and attached families, children arrive ready for kindergarten, and that the early learning system is aligned, coordinated and family-centered. The Early Learning Division (ELD) implements Healthy Families Oregon, an evidence-based program, as a key strategy to meet these goals.

Duties

- Utilize the Oregon Early Learning Division's [Equity Lens](#) to understand program needs and inform recommendations to the ELD
 - The [Equity Lens](#) is a framework the Early Learning Division uses to guide its decisions. It holds us accountable to consider how a decision that we make impacts educational and health inequities for children and families, especially those that are related to race. Using this tool helps us move Oregon's early childhood services and systems toward greater equity and opportunity for all Oregon children.
- Ensure that input from HFO providers and families informs program planning and decision-making
- Participate in the development of the HFO State Strategic Plan, use it as a guide to review and evaluate implementation of the multi-site system's short and long-term goals and objectives, and recommend strategies for improvement
- Provide input on the HFO Program Policy and Procedure Manual (PPPM)
- Review and discuss the evaluation plan and the annual evaluation report and recommendations
- Promote best practices and quality enhancements to HFO services
- Identify ways for HFO to coordinate and collaborate across home visiting models
- Educate the public and decision-makers about the benefits of HFO to realize its benefits for children, families and their communities
- Respond as necessary to the conflict resolution and appeals process

Frequency The Committee meets once quarterly, or four times per year.

Work Groups Committee members may recommend and ELD staff may initiate time-limited work groups with a specific charge. Membership may include individuals who are not regular committee members, but contribute their perspective and expertise to the work group's charge. Work groups report progress at Committee meetings.