



Oregon Department of Human Services

Child Welfare Program

ODHS Vision & Mission

- **Vision:** Safety, health and independence for all Oregonians.
- **Mission:** To help Oregonians in their own communities achieve wellbeing and independence through opportunities that protect, empower, respect choice and preserve dignity.

ODHS Child Welfare Vision & Mission

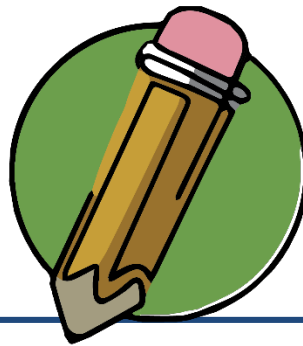
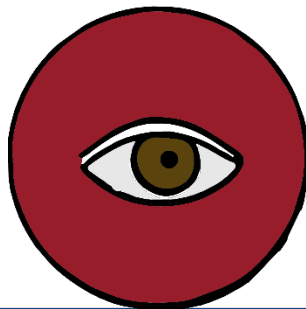
- Vision: Every child and family have a safe and positive environment in which to live and develop.
- Mission: Improve family capacity to be self-sustaining while creating a safe and permanent living environment for children.

Child Welfare

- Mandatory Reporting
- Oregon Safety Model
- Open Case vs Open Assessment
- Services



Let's Talk Fundamentals



Oregon Child Abuse Hotline (ORCAH)

1-855-503-SAFE (7233)

Please consider providing your feedback or asking your questions by sending them to:

Feedback.OregonChildAbuseHotline@dhsosha.state.or.us

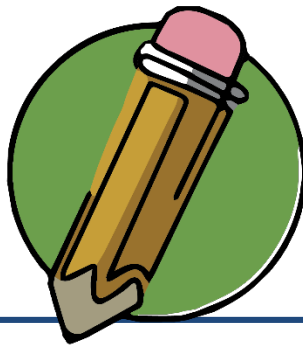
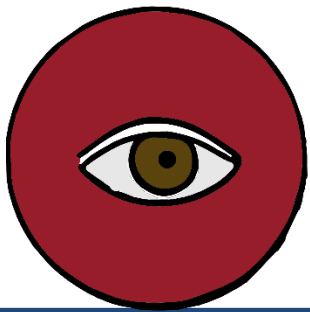


Mandatory Reporting

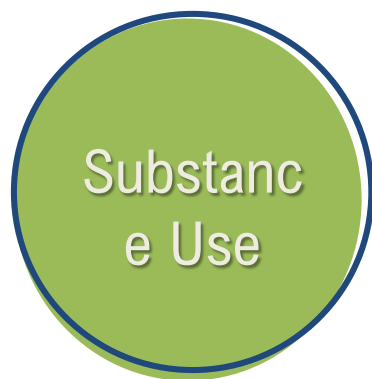
Oregon state law mandates that workers in certain professions must make reports if they have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect. These people are called mandatory reporters and they are a crucial link in the system to protect Oregon's most vulnerable citizens.

Oregon Statute 419B.005

Frequently Asked Questions



Is a parent using substances child abuse?



Not all substance use impacts child safety

- Understand the type of drug, frequency of use, and behavioral impact on parent
- Consider accessibility of the drug to children
- Impact to child safety

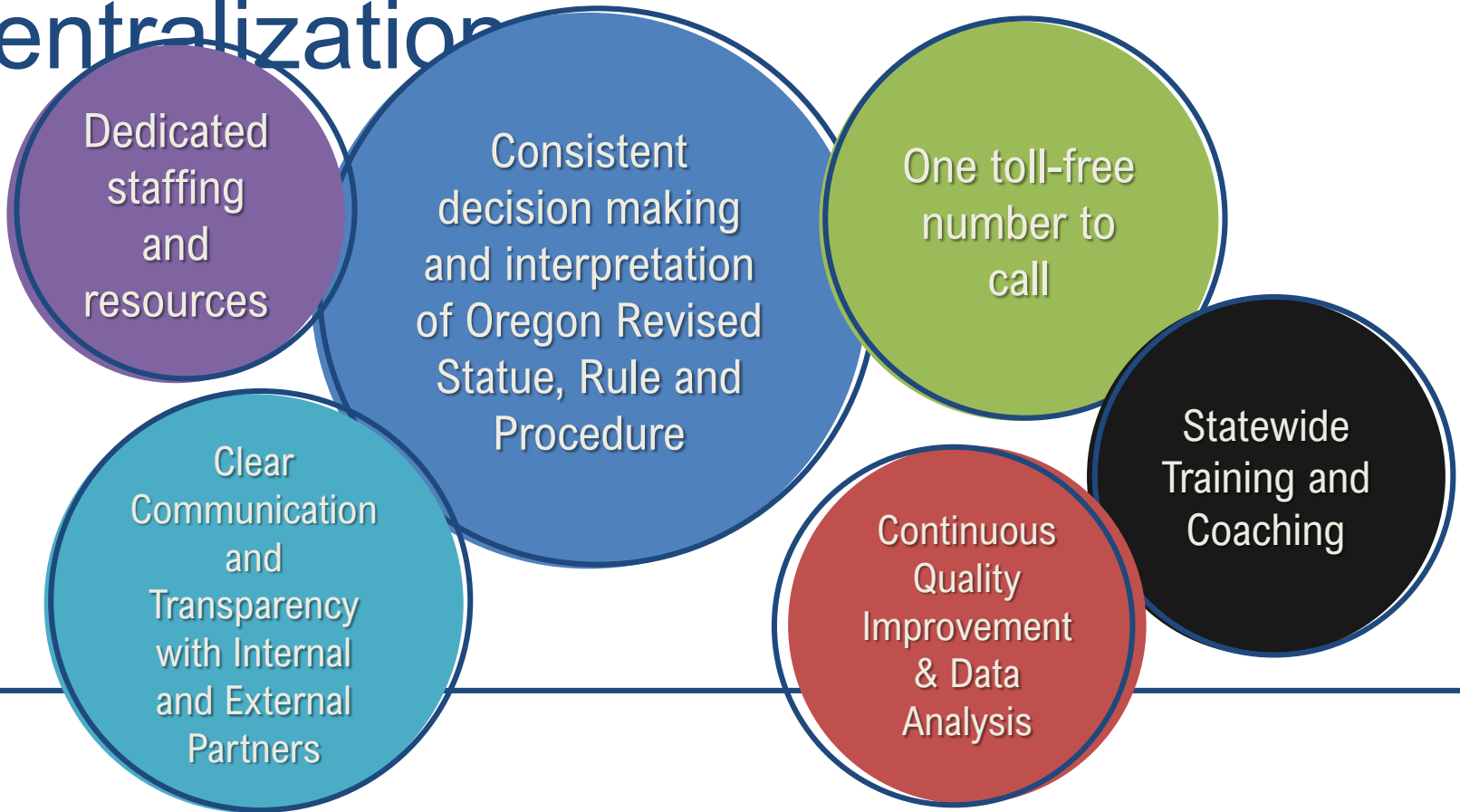
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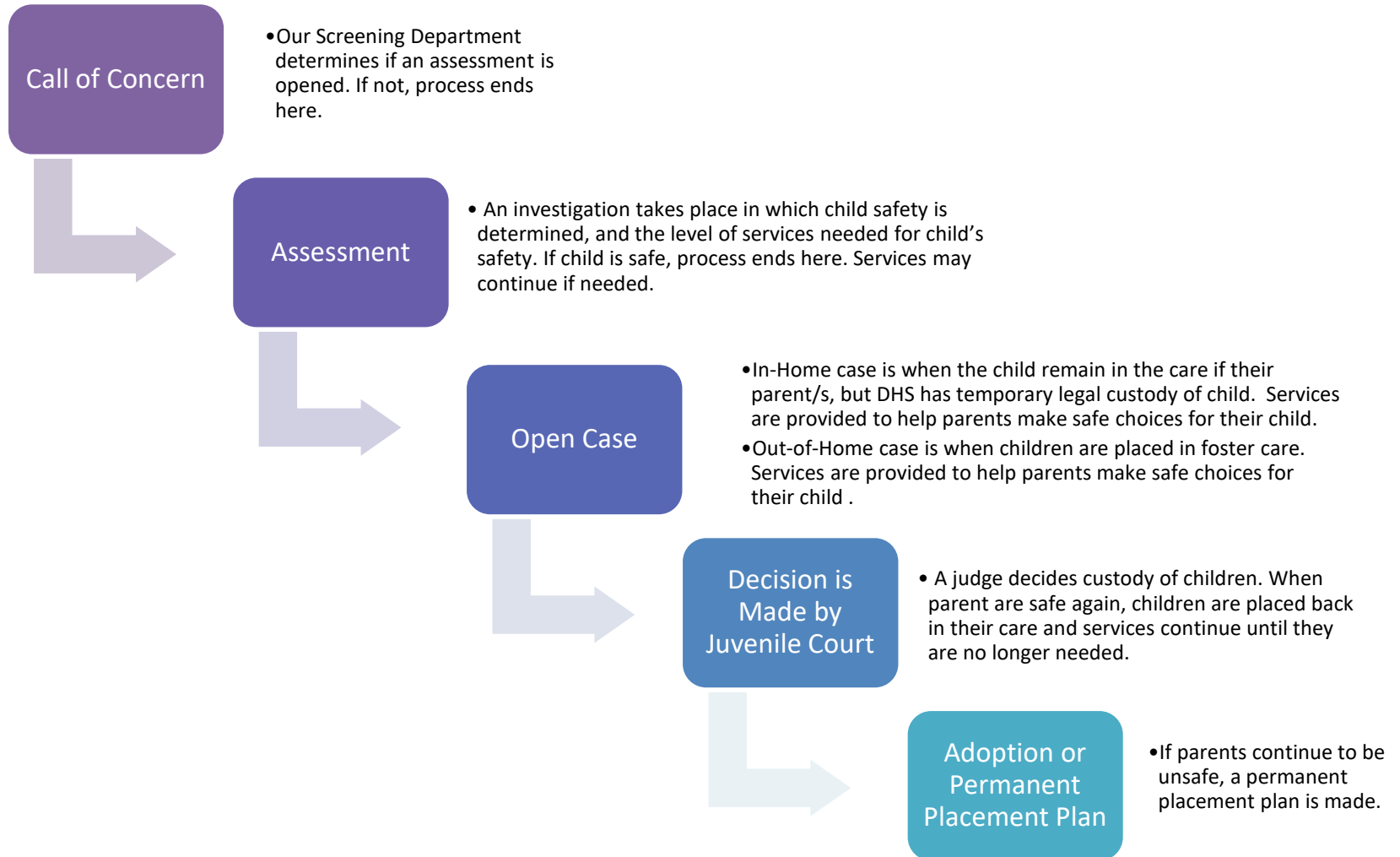
Spanking, if it is reasonable, is not abuse

We know that spanking increases risk of negative behavioral, cognitive, and psychosocial and emotional outcomes for children

Positive Outcomes of Centralization



Oregon Safety Model



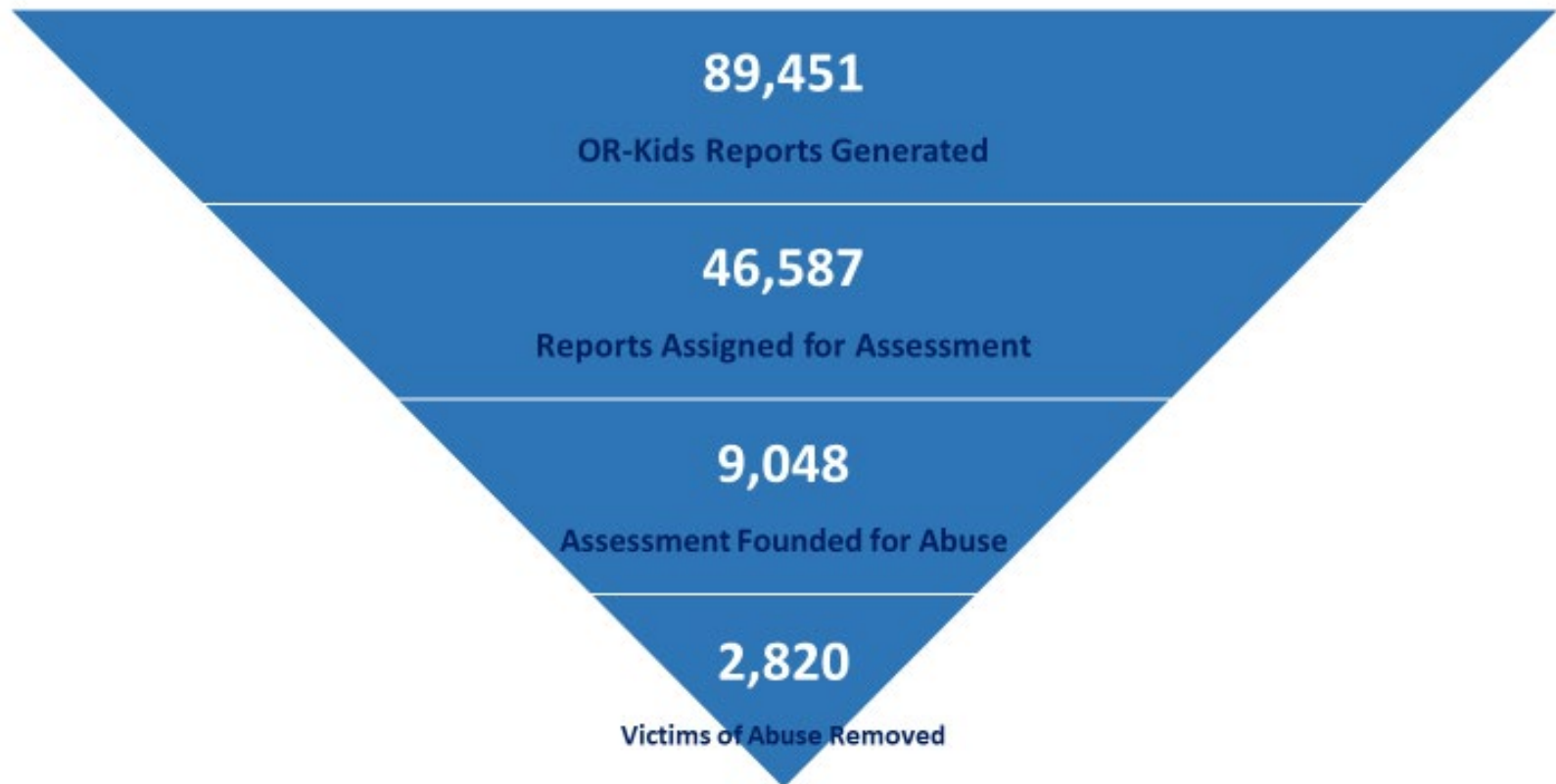
Open Case vs Open Assessment

- Open Assessment: this is an investigation into the safety of children.
- Open Case: The child has been determined unsafe through the assessment process. The family is working with service providers and has an ongoing caseworker.

Services

- DHS partners with various community service providers in an effort to give parents the knowledge, skills, and resources to help them make safe choices for their children.
- These services are provided until the parents are able to maintain safety without the services and DHS is able to close the case.

2019 Child Welfare Data Book



The Department of Human Services is always looking to improve the work we do for our community. We recognize the importance of partnerships we have with our community service providers. If you have ideas on ways we can better partner with your organization, please connect with us.

Additional Resources Can Be Found Here:

https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/pages/mandatory_report.aspx

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/pages/mandatory_report.aspx. The page title is "Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse". On the left, a sidebar menu lists "ABUSE AND NEGLECT HOME", "MANDATORY REPORTING", "CHILD ABUSE", "REPORTING FOR ODHS EMPLOYEES", and "REPORTING FOR ODHS EMPLOYEES". The main content area features a video player for "Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse: An Oregon Training Video" with a play button and a "Watch later" link. Below the video, text states: "To report suspected child abuse, call the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline at 1-855-503-SAFE (7233)." and "Ready to learn more? To help mandatory reporters and other members of the community recognize and understand the signs of child abuse and neglect, as well as the role of implicit bias and structural racism when reporting abuse, Child Welfare has updated its mandatory reporting and child safety resources. This video describes your role in reporting suspected abuse and is also available in [Cantonese](#), [Mandarin](#) and [Spanish](#). You may also [download the video](#)." Below this, there are links for "What You Can Do About Child Abuse" in Arabic, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. Further down, it asks "Who are mandatory reporters?" and provides a link to "Oregon Revised Statute 419B.005 (3)". On the right, a section titled "Tool and Resources" includes "What You Can Do" (with a video thumbnail), "Reporting Child Abuse" (with a video thumbnail), and "Guidance for Virtual Environments" (with a document thumbnail).

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Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

ABUSE AND NEGLECT HOME
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CHILD ABUSE
REPORTING FOR ODHS EMPLOYEES

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[Request Mandatory Reporter Training in your community.](#)

Tool and Resources

What You Can Do

Reporting Child Abuse

Guidance for Virtual Environments

What You Can Do About Child Abuse: An Oregon Training Video

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Who are mandatory reporters?

A complete and current list of public and private officials who are mandatory reporters can be found in [Oregon Revised Statute 419B.005 \(3\)](#).

Thank you!!