

# Oregon Department of Human Services

## Self Sufficiency & Child Welfare Programs



# DHS 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.

# Self Sufficiency

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP
- Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Services or DV Grant
- Employment Related Day Care or ERDC

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

## Who?

A parent or caretaker relative and dependent child 18 or under  
(includes pregnant mother in the month before her due date)

## What?

A monthly cash grant based on household and income

Support Services through the JOBS program with activities such as job readiness, educational support, assistance with applying for disability and help overcoming challenges.

## How?

Complete an application and have an interview with a Benefit and Eligibility Worker

Provide verification such as identity, Social Security Number and any income.

Complete an assessment with a Family Coach to develop goals and a plan for self sufficiency

# Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

A monthly food allotment to families based on factors such as who they buy and eat their food with, monthly income and housing expenses to name a few.

In addition to the monthly food allotment, you could be eligible for other programs such as WIC, utility assistance and economic deferment to help with federal school loans.

SNAP recipients are eligible for the SNAP Training and Employment Program (STEP) in which they can receive support services for job search.

# Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Services



Temporary financial assistance to assist victims of Domestic Violence who have dependent children in their care.



The program extends beyond just intimate partner, and includes family and/or household members. It also includes emotional, verbal or mental abuse.



Payments, up to \$1200, can be made to keep the survivor safe. Payments must be verified and be part of the safety plan. However, if a new safety need comes up, the plan can be updated.

# Employment Related Day Care

A working family can apply for a child care subsidy for children under 12 years old. Students of higher education may qualify up to the amount of their work hours.

Once approved, the listed provider the family chooses will be sent monthly vouchers. The family will pay a co-pay based on their income and family size.

During the 12 month certification, a family may still be covered while temporarily off of work for medical reasons or a job loss that was beyond their control.

# Jackson & Josephine SSP stats

	Jackson County	Josephine County
Population (2011-2015)	208,363	83,409
People living in poverty (2011-2015)	19%	20.1%
Under Age 18 in poverty (2011-2015)	26.5%	30.1%
Persons in Extreme Poverty (<50%FPL)	15,930	7,429
Families Receiving SNAP (Dec. 2016)	26,240	13,591
Families Receiving TANF (Dec. 2016)	1,425	872
Families Receiving ERDC (Dec. 2016)	466	171
Families Receiving TADVS (Dec. 2016)	68	57



# Child Welfare

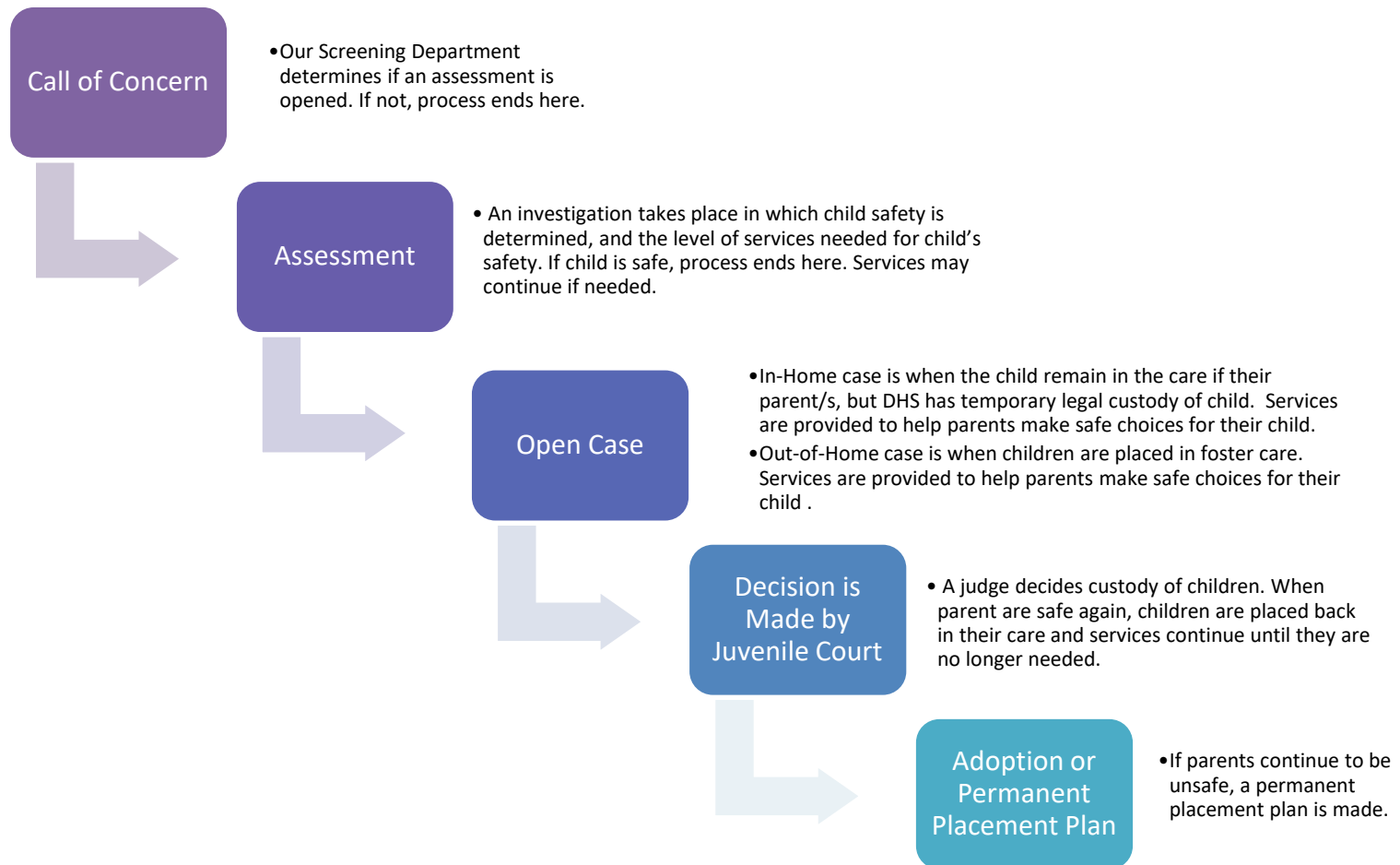
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# Mandatory Reporting

Oregon state law, however, 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

# 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.

# Jackson & Josephine CW stats

	Jackson County	Josephine County
Number of Child Welfare Assessments (FFY 2016)	2,254	1,096
Children in Foster Care (Point-in-Time 9/30/16)	527	315
Children Served In Home (Point-in-Time 9/30/16)	146	19