

WELCOME TO THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE'S FOSTER CARE PROJECT.

The Oregon's Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force is pleased to bring you one of their most exciting projects, "Reducing the Trauma of Investigation, Removal, and Initial Out-of-Home Placement in Child Abuse Cases". The project includes a curriculum which is adaptable to various professional sectors and Department of Human Services' partners.

The Foster Care Subcommittee of the Oregon's Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force identified the need to address the trauma to children associated with the investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect and the initial out-of-home placement. This project focused on fulfilling that need by first developing an understanding of the nature of that trauma and then identified approaches that can be taken by those professionals and caregivers in a position to reduce its long term effects on children.

The objectives of this project included the following:

1. Understand what trauma is and how it affects children of different ages and developmental stages.
2. Identify the potential trauma to children during investigation, removal and out-of-home placement in child abuse cases.
3. Identify effective practice strategies for reducing the trauma of investigation, removal and placement.
4. Disseminate this information to those who interact with children during or immediately following investigation, removal and placement.

Please access the entire project on the Portland State University website at: www.ccf.pdx.edu/trauma_project/pgTrauma.php. You will need to copy and paste this link into your internet browser.

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