



ODHS Partner Briefing

Community engagement and budget updates

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Today's conversation

- Welcome
- ODHS vision and Equity North Star
- Themes from January meeting
- 2025-27 budget process and updates
- Opportunities for engagement
- Q+A



ODHS vision

All who live in Oregon, regardless of race, identity, age, disability or place, have the needed supports to achieve **whole well-being for ourselves, our families and our communities.**





INCLUSIVITY | EQUITY
SERVICE | WELL-BEING

Inclusivity

We inclusively lead with race and intersectionality in order to address the roots of systemic oppression that impact all protected classes.

Equity

We are dedicated to making services, supports and well-being accessible to all.

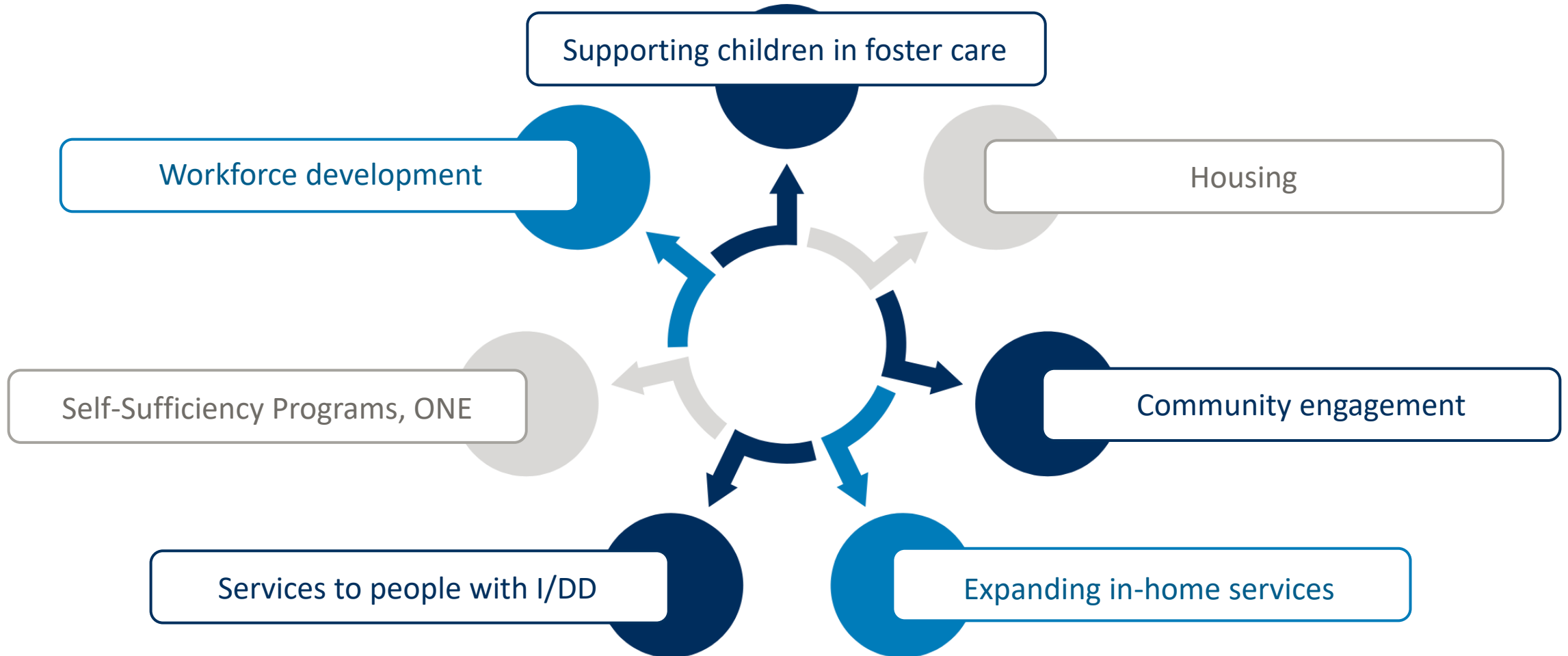
Well-Being

Staff and communities will know services and supports are working when all who live in Oregon, regardless of identity or place, can achieve well-being.

Service

We are committed to partnering with communities to develop and deliver policies and programs that are equitable and improve community conditions.

Themes from January partner conversation



What's next?

Two of the strongest messages we heard:

- Access challenges outside the I-5 corridor
- Need more opportunities for community- and faith-based leaders to connect with each other and with ODHS leadership.

This summer/fall, **Director Fariborz Pakseresht and other ODHS leaders will be making stops around the state** to continue this conversation. Stay tuned for details!



Agency request budget (ARB) update

Governor's approach to the state budget process

- **Earlier and ongoing collaboration** between state agencies, the Department of Administrative Services, and the Governor's Office
- Ensuring **greater alignment** of effort across the entire executive branch and making the best use of limited state resources
- Changes to agencies' **partner engagement timelines**



2025-27 budget outlook

- A **balanced state budget is on the horizon.**
- Revenue increases are expected to cover the increased costs of **maintaining current service levels.**



The Big Takeaways:

- New investments will primarily support the Governor's **housing, behavioral health and education** initiatives.
- Agency budget proposals should otherwise stay within a **1% growth limit from 2023-25.**

Guiding principles for policy option packages (POPs)

- Advancing the Governor's housing and behavioral health priorities
- Advancing racial justice and equity
- Improving customer service
- Strengthening existing programs instead of adding new ones
- Increasing efficiency in program delivery to better serve Oregon's cost-burdened individuals and families



ODHS budget requests: Key areas of focus



Addressing and preventing youth homelessness



Stabilizing provider capacity



Ensuring compliance with federal requirements

Improving customer experience



Modernized systems and workload models

Connecting with your state legislators

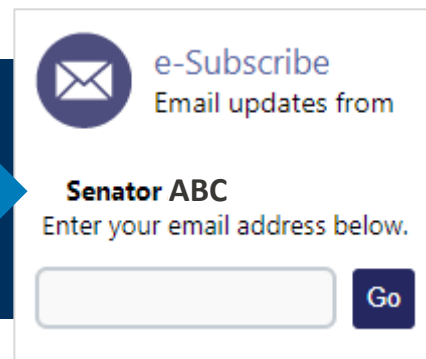
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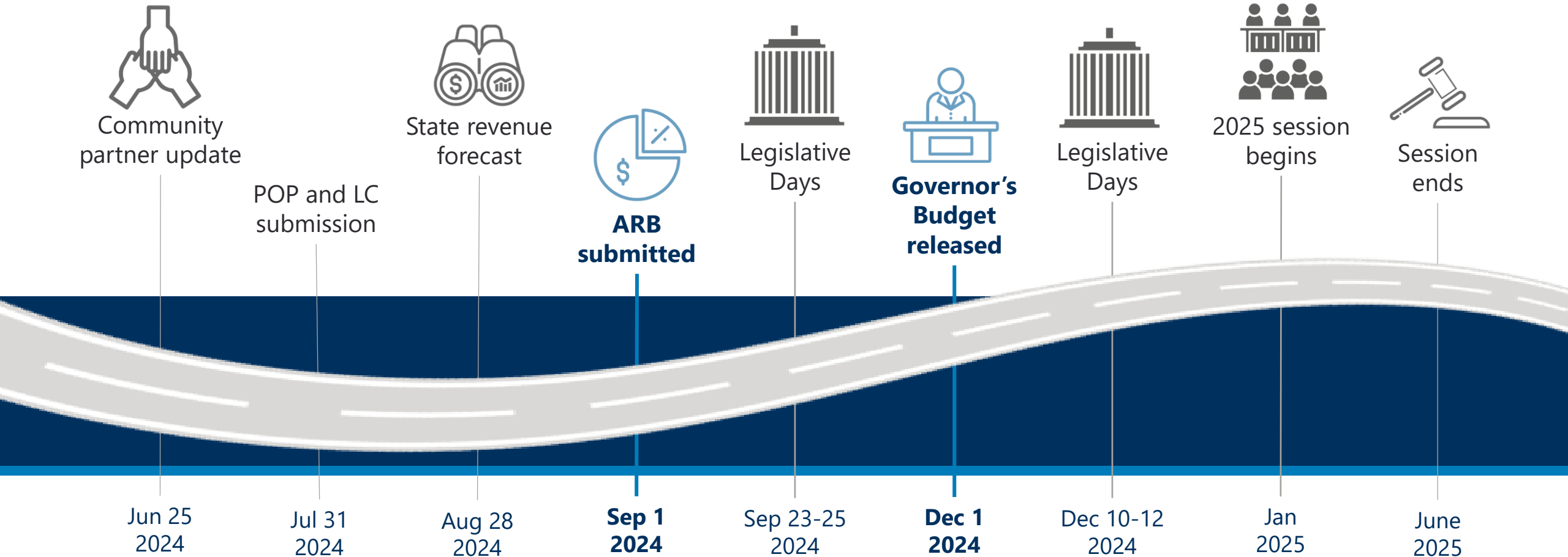


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ODHS 2025-27 budget process: The road ahead



Policy development

- Policy direction
- Cost projections
- Implementation planning



Stay in touch

- **Sign up** for [partner updates](#).
- **Email the Community Engagement team** at communitypartners@odhsoha.oregon.gov.
- **Visit** the ODHS [Community Partner web page](#).
- **Help inform our outreach planning.** We'll send out a survey following this meeting.





Q+A

Thank you!

