



Protect Independence, Dignity, Choice and Safety for Oregon's Seniors & People with Disabilities

Oregon's seniors and people with disabilities need the help of our Legislature to prioritize services and supports in long-term care. Protecting investments in these services and supports will continue to realize positive outcomes and cost avoidance measures for our state and our seniors and people with disabilities.

Critical investments to continue in the 2015-17 biennium:

Independence – helping seniors and people with disabilities stay in their own home and community.

- Oregon Project Independence for Seniors (\$21.5 million)
- Oregon Project Independence Pilot Project for People with Disabilities (\$6 million)

Dignity – providing proven supports for individuals to help reduce depression, anxiety and substance abuse among older adults and improve overall health and quality of living.

- Evidence Based Mental Health programs for seniors (\$1.8 million)
- Evidence Based Health Promotion & Disease Prevention programs (\$1.25 million)

Choice – continuing Oregon's values in helping individuals find services and supports that are person centered and honor the individual's unique needs.

- Options Counseling (\$1.4 million)
- Utilizing the ADRC network to reach out to Oregon's seniors, people with disabilities and their families and help them make the best decisions and plans for their future care.

Safety – Providing support for vulnerable populations to remain independent, to be safe in their home and community, to avoid going hungry and to improve healthy aging.

- Older Americans Act Services and Supports (\$2 million)
- Gatekeeper Program (\$1.7 million)

Protect the independence, dignity, choice and safety for Oregon's Seniors & People with Disabilities. Continue effective, cost avoidance services and supports in the 2015-17 biennium.