

ORS 418.780¹ Purpose

- (1) The Legislative Assembly recognizes that:
 - (a) Protection of the child is of primary importance.
 - (b) A serious need exists for a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to the prevention and investigation of child abuse, for intervention and for the treatment of children who are victims of child abuse in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of children. No child in this state should be denied access to a child abuse medical assessment because of an inability to pay. The cost of not assessing and treating abused children with the aid of specially trained personnel is too high.

- (2) The purpose of ORS 418.746 (Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account) to 418.796 (Authority of council to solicit and accept contributions) is to establish and maintain:
 - (a) Sufficient county multidisciplinary child abuse teams to conduct timely investigations of allegations of child abuse and provide comprehensive services to victims of child abuse through coordinated child abuse multidisciplinary intervention plans.
 - (b) Sufficient regional assessment centers and community assessment centers in Oregon to ensure that every child reasonably suspected to have been subjected to child abuse receives a skilled, complete and therapeutic child abuse medical assessment. [1991 c.898 §1; 1993 c.33 §331; 1997 c.872 §32; 2001 c.624 §6; 2005 c.562 §4]

Note: See note under 418.746 (Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account).

ANNOTATIONS

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Notes of Decisions

Where plaintiffs brought action under 42 U.S.C. 1983 alleging violation of federal civil rights after defendant Childrens Services Division employees removed plaintiffs child from home following reports of abuse, CSD workers entitled to absolute immunity in investigation, taking child into custody and keeping plaintiffs from visiting child. *Tennyson v. Childrens Services Division*, 308 Or 80, 775 P2d 1365 (1989)

Related Statutes³

ORS 418.786 Grant program

¹ Legislative Counsel Committee, CHAPTER 418—Child Welfare Services, https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/lawsstatutes/2013ors418.html External_link_icon(2013) (last accessed Apr. 27, 2014).

² Legislative Counsel Committee, Annotations to the Oregon Revised Statutes, Cumulative Supplement - 2013, Chapter 418, https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/lawsstatutes/2013ano418.html External_link_icon(2013) (last accessed Apr. 27, 2014).

³ OregonLaws.org assembles these lists by analyzing references between Sections. Each listed item refers back to the current Section in its own text. The result reveals relationships in the code that may not have otherwise been apparent.