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Oregon Criminal Justice Commission 885 Summer St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Letter of Support for Fostering Attachment Treatment Court

To Whom It May Concern:

The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council expresses its full support of the Fostering Attachment Treatment Court program's application to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to continue the Juvenile Family Drug Court.

In partnership with the Marion County Circuit Court, Fostering Attachment Treatment Court is submitting an application for continued funding for services to families in the community who have involvement with the Oregon Department of Human Services due to drug or alcohol addiction, criminal behavior, and mental health issues and who run the risk of having their parental rights terminated.

Fostering Attachment Treatment Court helps families in our community stay intact so they can work towards becoming stronger and healthier family units and productive members of society. The program provides evidence-based services for addiction, parenting classes, and mental health counseling. Participants obtain a GED and/or job skills to acquire full-time work to support their families and reduce recidivism.

In the past year, a new judicial officer and treatment court coordinator have joined the treatment court team. The team will continue to work together efficiently, effectively and with great enthusiasm. We urge you to support this program which is instrumental in helping families in our community.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Janet Carlson

Council Chair