



Taking Action for Basic Human Needs.

Human Service Spending as Economic Engine

Human service spending as a % of health care GDP in Oregon: 31%

Total DHS spending on health care and human services: \$3.5 billion per year

Jobs in health care and social assistance created by DHS spending: At least 55,000

A family receiving the average monthly assistance payment of \$418 under the TANF (temporary assistance to needy families) program will in turn spend that money in the Oregon economy and potentially generate \$665 of economic activity;

Food stamps with an average monthly food assistance payment of \$181 can generate \$333 of economic activity;

Human services provides child care assistance to low-income families, which generate an average monthly payment of \$517 to more than 13,800 child care providers every year; and,

Every \$1 million of investment in long-term care and senior care generates an average of 30 jobs and \$1.7 million in economic activity according to a recent analysis by ECONorthwest.

Leveraging Federal Dollars

Federal money coming into Oregon because of DHS leverage is approximately \$7 billion this biennium

Every million of state funds invested into a federal matching program such as the Oregon Health Plan or long-term care results in economic activity of, on average, \$2.7 million. That is an annual return on state funds investment of 270%.

Don't Go Backwards

A billion dollar cut of human service spending would result in the lost of between 9,000 and 21,000 private sector jobs.

All facts are from "Economic Impact of Human Services Spending," January 28, 2009, unless otherwise noted.