

Announcement of Formation of Juvenile Justice Task Force

Multnomah County has a long tradition of collaborating on public safety issues, including our juvenile justice system. We are and have been unwavering in our commitment to positive outcomes for our children and young people involved in the juvenile justice system and to assuring the safety of our community. We are committed to system improvement through the use of best practices and looking to reliable data to inform our decision making. A recent report commissioned by John Foote, District Attorney in Clackamas County, raises questions about how well the juvenile justice system in Multnomah County is currently functioning. We welcome the opportunity to consider these issues in an inclusive, multi-disciplinary, and rigorous assessment of our current practices. We will be convening a task force to begin this assessment. In keeping with the Multnomah County tradition, this group will be a collaboration that includes all key juvenile justice system partners and stakeholders.

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