

old called SafeCare<sup>20</sup>. In addition to working with parents through the SafeCare model, the Resource Nurses have been trained to assist with developing Plans of Care when prenatal substance use is identified on cases with infants.

- To prevent child fatalities and serious injuries by improving household safety the plan, as documented in the 2023 APSR, was to use funds to purchase prevention kits. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were used instead, therefore, how funds were used for this effort is documented in the ARPA funding section.

### 1. Guardian ad Litem Requirement

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 419B.112 ensures the court shall appoint a court-appointed special advocate, which in turn can be guardian ad litem. For the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) grant under P.I. 93-247, or any related state or federal legislation, a court-appointed special advocate or other person appointed is deemed guardian ad litem to represent the interests of the child or ward in proceedings before the court. In addition, all children and wards of the court receive a court-appointed attorney in Oregon. ORS 149B.234 outlines the qualifications for any person appointed as guardian ad litem.

### C. Annual Citizen Review Panel Report & Response

See the attached Citizen Review Panel Report. (Attachment 34). The following is CW's response to the two primary recommendations.

1. ODHS continue efforts to improve timely access to mental health services for children in foster care.

See pages 69-70 and 91-94, detailing the work on mental health services.

2. ODHS continue efforts to increase placement options for children and youth with complex mental and behavioral health needs.

See pages 91-94, detailing the work on placement capacity.

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<sup>20</sup> <https://safecare.publichealth.gsu.edu/about-safecare/>