



Dear Educator,

I'm writing today to inform you that your student has been selected to participate in Oregon Foster Youth Connection's *2019 Advocacy Convening*, starting Saturday, January 26th and concluding Monday, January 28th when youth will meet directly with their state legislators at the State Capitol. The activities associated with this convening will support and enhance the learning in your classroom by providing direct experiences with the following topics.

- **Legislative Process:** How a bill becomes a law and how legislators make decisions.
- **Problem Solving:** What issues exist in the continuum of the foster care experience and what we can do to fix them.
- **Communication/Public Speaking:** Learn effective communication skills to give and receive information. Learn how to reflect on one's past and define issues related to our current advocacy work.
- **Teamwork:** Teams will work together to frame issues and present legislators with the information necessary to gain support of proposed legislation.

Your student is important to this process and their attendance and participation on Monday is vital to the success of this convening. While it is the responsibility of the student to collect and complete missed schoolwork, it is our hope that they not be penalized for missed class time.

Thank you for understanding and supporting this important event. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 503-236-9754 or Lisa@cffo.org.

Lisa McMahon
OFYC Program Director
Children First for Oregon

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

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