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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES AAS
FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: This proposed Family and Human Services AAS is for individuals who want to work in the human services field to support and improve the lives of individuals by helping them function more effectively and successfully by providing support and access to resources. Human services professionals can work in a variety of setting, including public, private, and nonprofit social service agencies, programs for the aging, and programs serving children, youth, and families. Upon completion of the AAS degree in Family and Human Services, students are prepared for entry-level positions working under the direction of social workers, counselors, psychologists, or other professionals with advanced education and experience. Employment opportunities include case manager, child advocate, home visitor, social and human service assistant, life-skills trainer, youth care counselor, family advocate, personal agent, and access specialist. The AAS is a multidisciplinary program and includes courses from the Alcohol and Drug, Gerontology, Psychology, Sociology, Early Childhood Education, Criminal Justice, and Family and Human Services programs. The Family and Human Services AAS has been reviewed and approved by the Family and Human Services Industry Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for the Family and Human Services AAS for Portland Community College.