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OREGON CASA NETWORK
Court Appointed Special Advocates

HB 3244
Runaway & Homeless Youth Funding & Eligibility

The Oregon CASA Network supports HB 3244. The 1,915 Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteers serving children & youth in all 36 counties understand how important it is to continue to provide support & services to youth up to the age of 21 years old.

Judges routinely continue the CASA appointment during this critical life transition as a youth ages out of foster care. Many times the CASA is the youth's only adult connection as they navigate this new phase of their life whether they are off to college or the work force. It is vitally important that the network of services continue during this step in a youth's life.

Runaway and homeless youth providers create a safety net for youth to ensure they have the best chance to be safe, self-sufficient and connected to trusted adults who can provide that circle of support in the future. Service eligibility should not be determined by when or how you connected to the system. Please align the age requirement cross systems and extend services to youth up to 21 years old.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH & EXTEND SERVICES TO YOUTH UP TO AGE 21 YEARS OLD.

Mission: Strengthen CASA Programs in Oregon.

Vision: CASA Programs will have sustainable resources to advocate for all children who are victims of neglect and abuse in Oregon.