



OREGON
Alliance
of Children's Programs

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WAYS & MEANS PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs Senator Winters and Representative Williamson
And Committee members

OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY BUDGET

I am Janet Arenz, Executive Director of the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs. We are a statewide non-profit, supporting good budgets and good policies for children and families, so that we can make children Oregon's greatest asset.

We do this by representing \$205 million in small businesses, delivering services and programs for over 100,000 children. We have a payroll of \$152 million for 5,500 employees and raise \$35 million in philanthropic resources each year.

Member programs span child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, addiction, runaway and homeless, developmental disabilities and prevention.

Forty-percent of our membership have contracts with the Oregon Youth Authority.

We are in lock-step with the OYA in well-designed strategies to achieve:

- Public Safety
- Provide evidence-based programs that deliver great outcomes
 - Accountability
 - Reformation
- Work in a new "Youth Reformation System" specifically designed to use data to deliver customized services that reduce recidivism.
- Interface with the Juvenile Justice Information System to read, use and share data that affect outcomes.

You have been receiving letters from our members who contract with OYA, and you will be hearing about their programs and outcomes today.

Our primary message to you today is that this relatively small state system is producing an extraordinary "bang for the buck."

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They are targeted, data-driven, and evidence-based. They have built a collaborative system that brings everyone to the table. They have established a balanced system with community partners like ourselves; the counties; and the state.

The only thing they don't have is the security and stability of adequate funding necessary to keep these elements functioning. Please continue to commit funding the OYA, public safety, and the building of accountable , responsible young people.

Thank you for your support.