

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



# NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS

Our Core Purpose:

To provide opportunities  
for youth and young adults  
to learn, grow, and  
experience success.

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Our Values:  
Education



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Our Values:

Challenge



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Community



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Leadership



# NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS HISTORY

## History

- Started in 1984
- Based on the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 30's and the YCC programs of the 1970's
- Grounded in a belief that youth and young adults could achieve professional project outcomes while developing critical life skills
- Partnerships with Forest Products Industry
- Sustained growth each year
  - Partners
  - Geography
  - Capacity



# YOUTH CORPS PROGRAMS

- Open Enrollment
- Residential Adventure Format
- 14-19 year old participants
- 5 state area
- Labor intensive conservation work, education, recreation
- Teamwork, leadership, job skills
- Paycheck, academic credit, adventure, friendship





# OUTDOOR OREGON

- Open Enrollment – Local youth
- Non-residential community format
- Developed following Legislative feedback
- 9 Oregon Communities
- Summer only, year round pilot in 2014
- Labor intensive conservation work, education, recreation
- Teamwork, leadership, job skills, paycheck



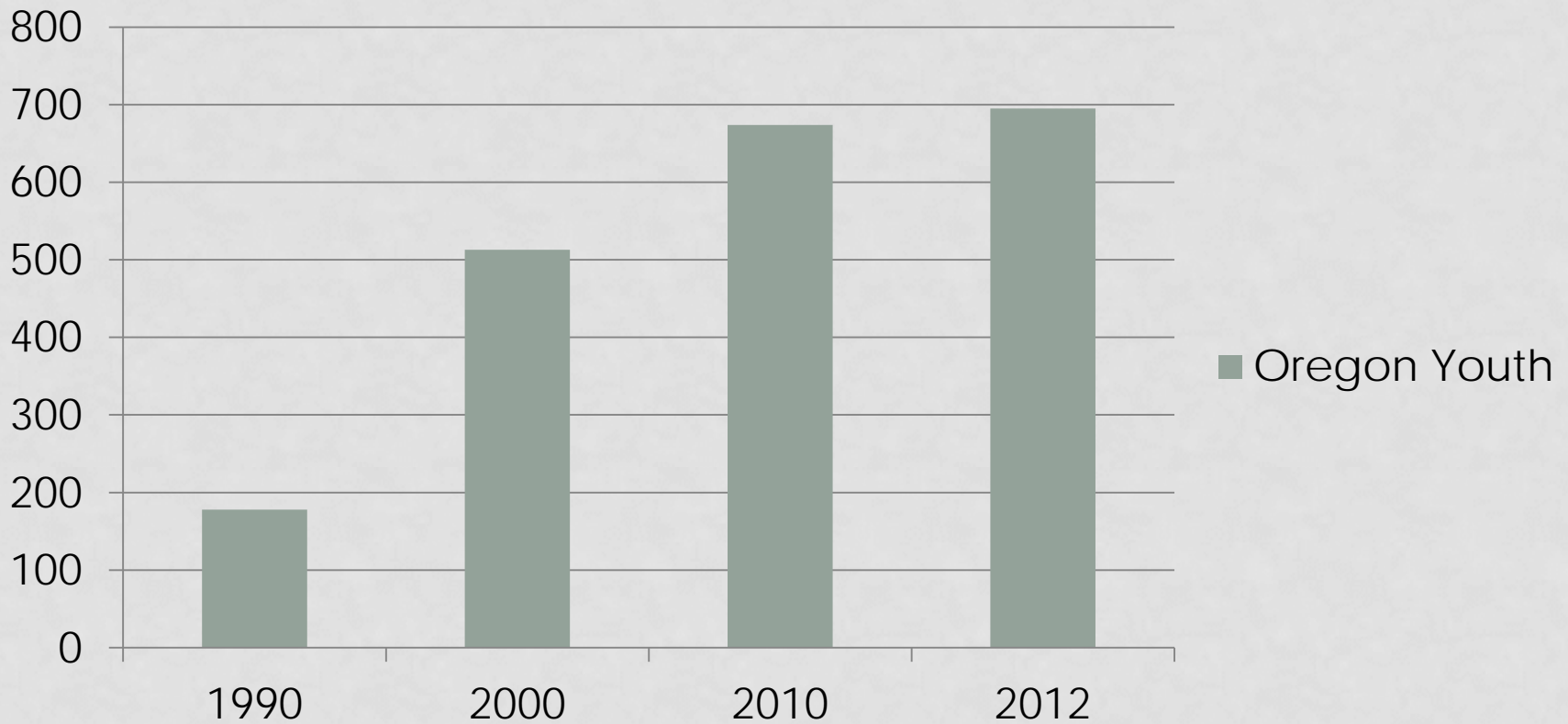
# OUTDOOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Accredited Alternative High School
- Freshmen through Senior classes
- Classroom and Field integration
- Project based learning
- Diploma
- Educational pathways

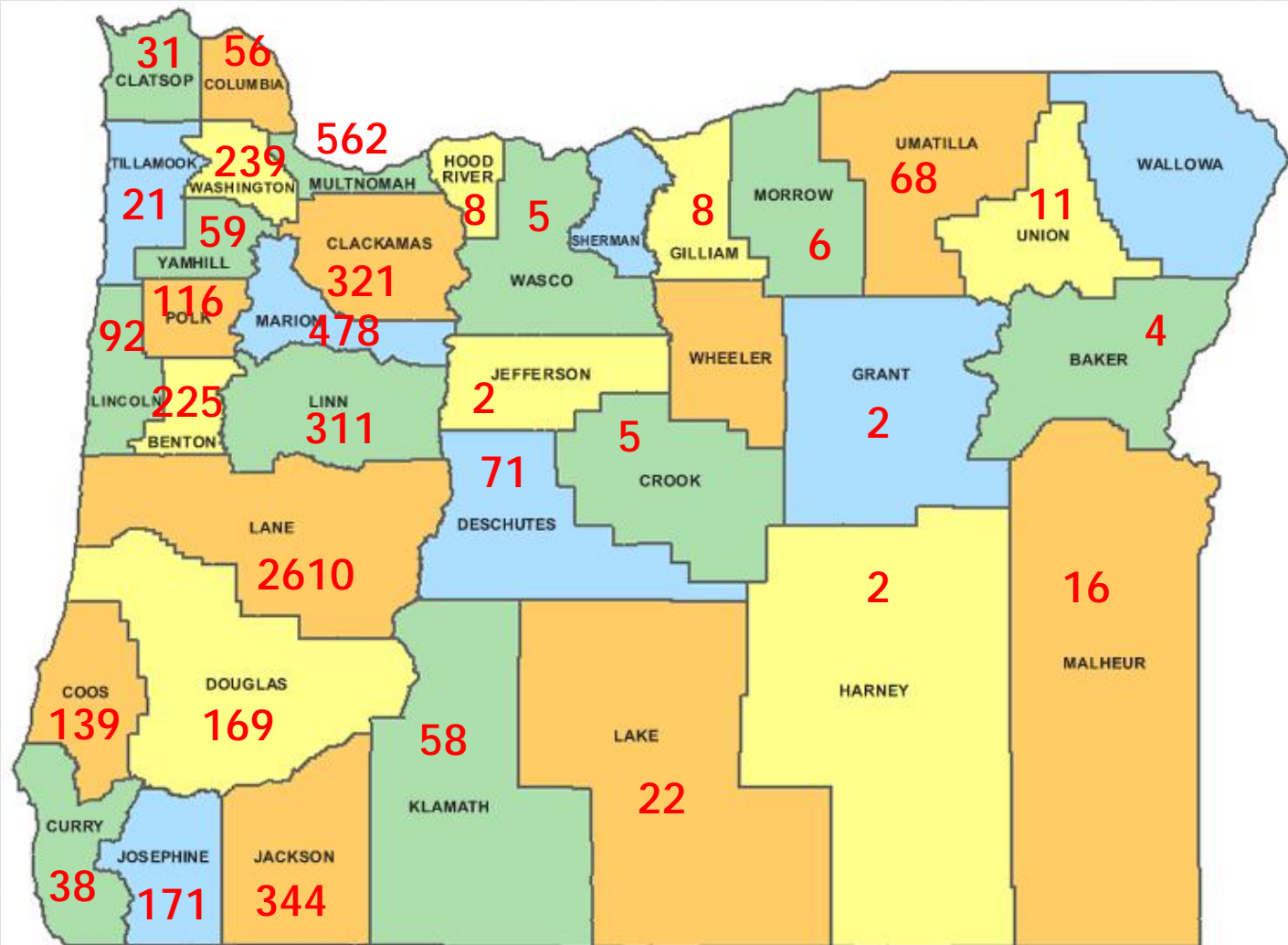


# OREGON YOUTH SERVED

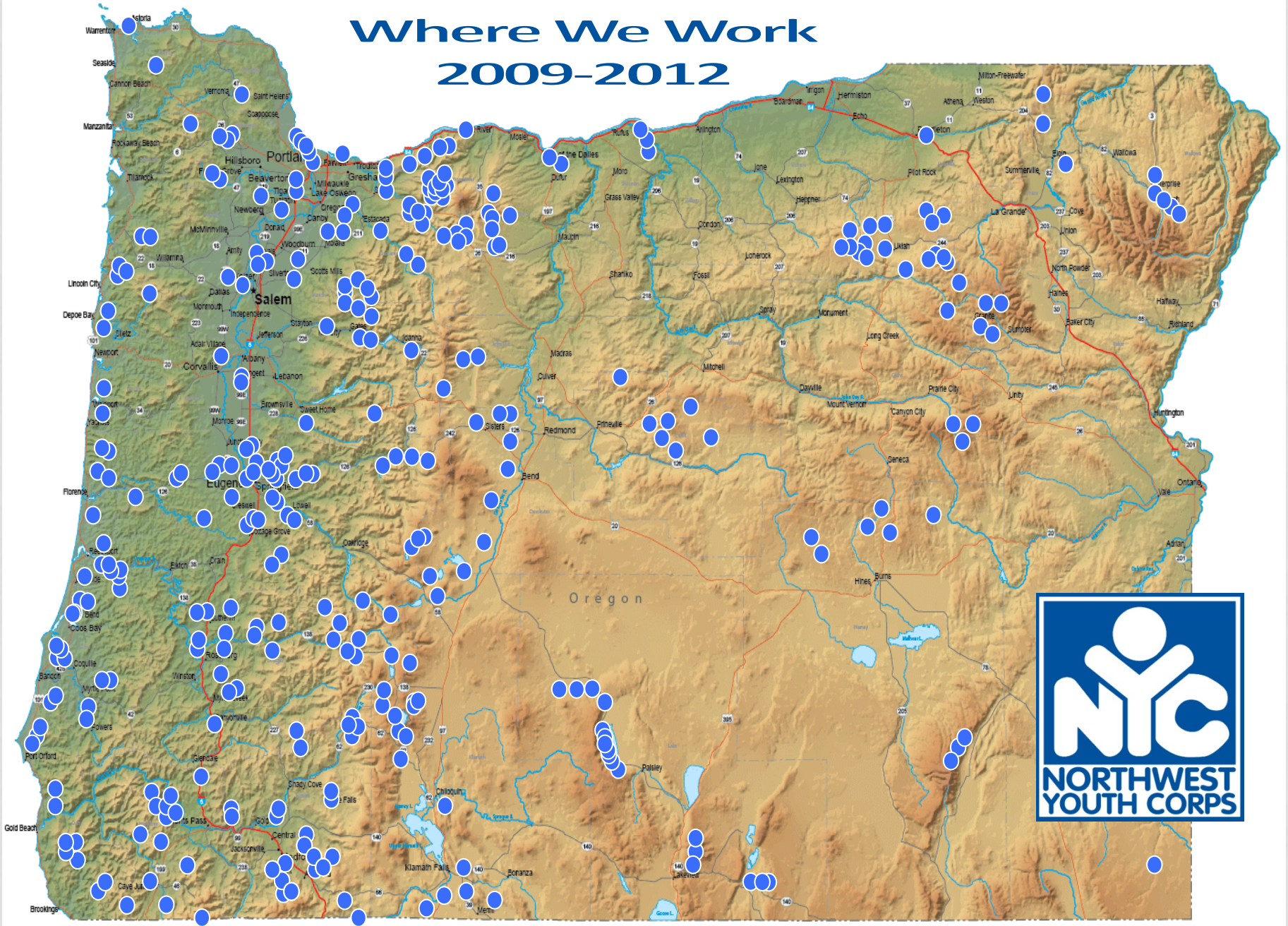
## Oregon Youth



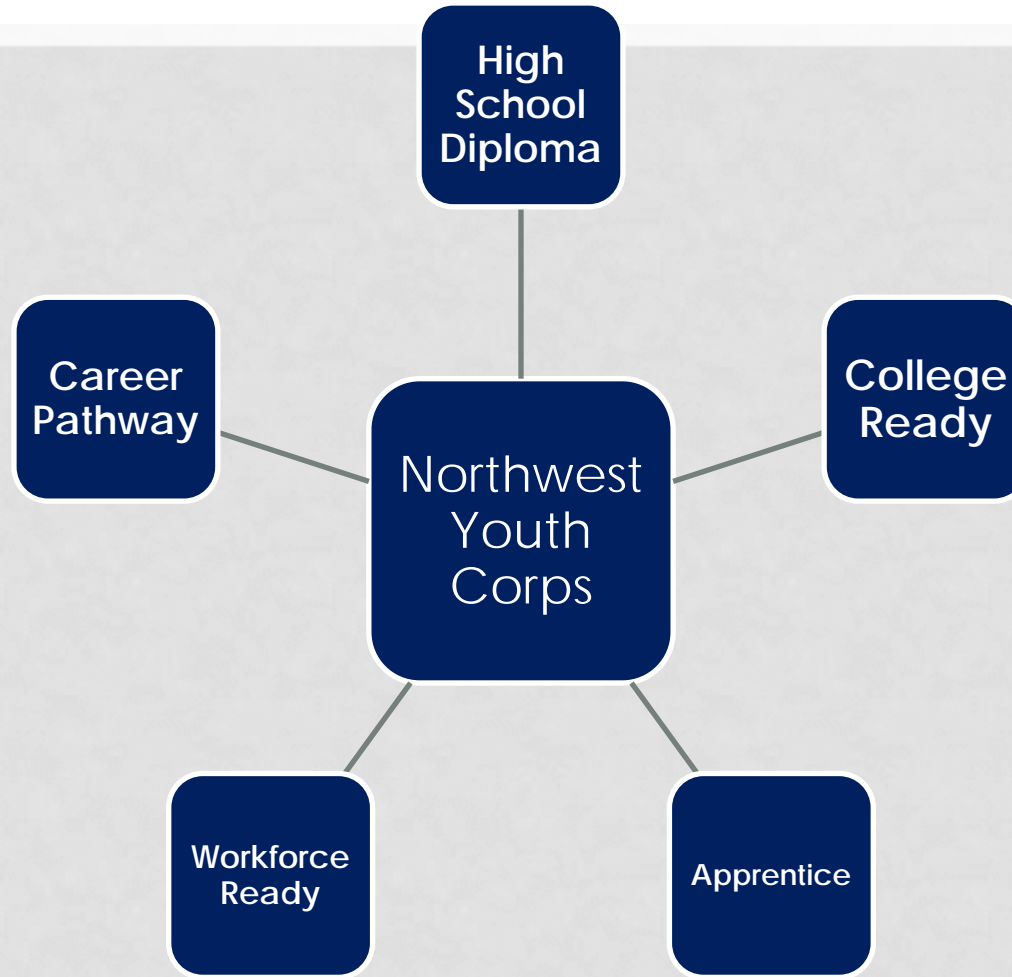
# YOUTH FROM ACROSS OREGON 2002-2012



# Where We Work 2009-2012



# YOUTH OUTCOMES



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96% of Youth Participants report their growth was “excellent” or “good” in the following areas:

- Working Independently
- Working Hard
- Finding a Job
- Cooperation
- Working Safely
- Dependability
- Being a Leader
- Taking Responsibility

# WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Youth Unemployment ages 18-24 at 19.1% in Oregon
- Only 1 in 4 youth ages 16-19 have summer employment
- Providing jobs today, preparing the work force of tomorrow
- Critical link in job readiness

*Work ethic*

*Team work*

*Commitment*

*Safety*



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Critical restoration and conservation projects
- Developing next generation of citizen stewards
- Increased access to recreational and tourist activities
- Improved lands and waters

*Education*

*Ethic of Service*

*Citizenship*

*Perseverance*

# EDUCATION

- Project based learning / Outdoor classroom
- Hands on application of educational principles
- Accredited High School and accredited summer field curriculum
- Career Pathway for young resource management professionals

*Job Skills*

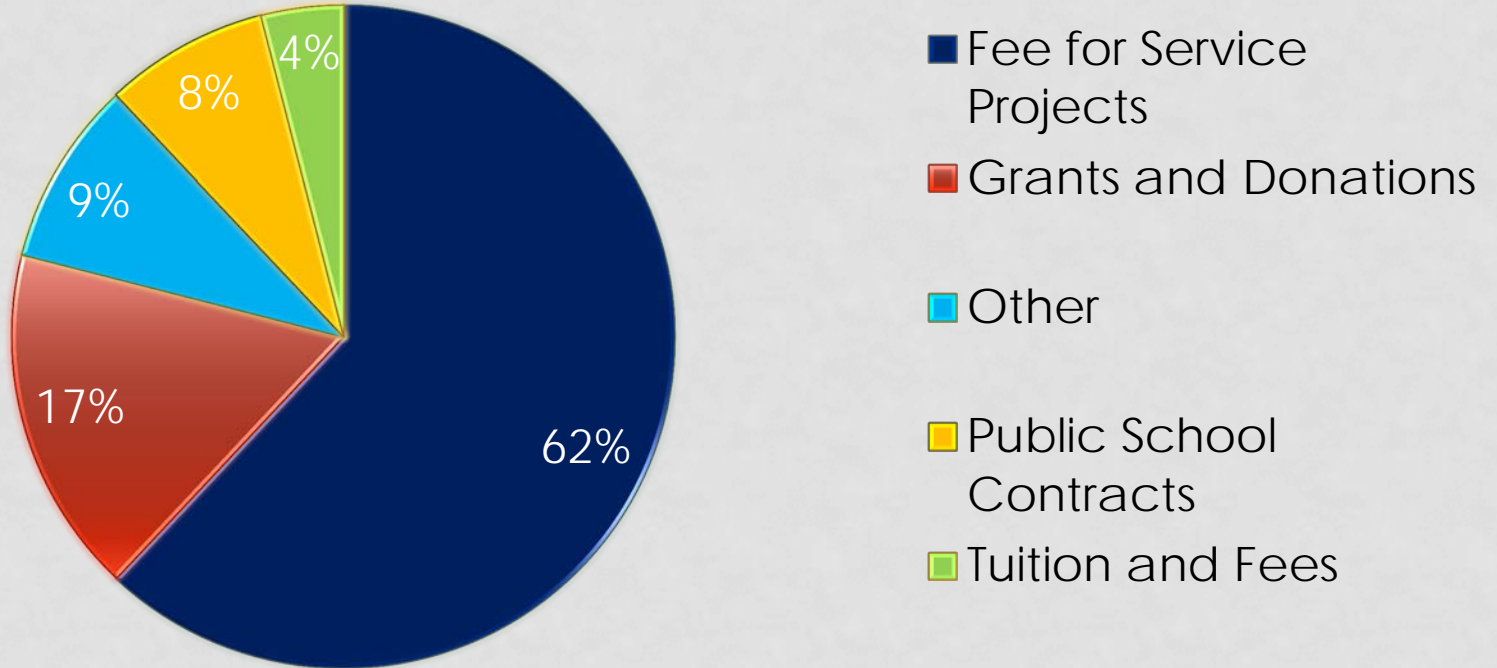
*High School Diploma*

*Life Skills*

*Summer High School Credit*

# PARTNERSHIPS

## Revenues



# NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS

Over 16,000 alumni

\$1.4 million in youth and young adult wages and stipends in 2012

Goal: To have an opportunity available for every Oregon teen who wants one

Critical need for community partners

Importance of fee-for-service partners to support programming

HB 2689 will increase opportunities for Oregon youth

