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Waiting List:

- There is not a traditional waiting list for the Youth Challenge Program due to potential cadets finding other opportunities, no longer having an interest in the program, or no longer able to meet the eligibility criteria.
- The program conducts eight orientations for each class where families come to learn about the program and meet with staff and cadets.
- Families who attend these orientations are able to submit application information to YCP for review and acceptance for the seating of the next class.
- Typically 200-300 families attend the orientations for the January-June class, and 300-400 families attend the orientations for the July-December class. 156 cadets are accepted for each class.
- Applicants who are not selected are called back for the next class assuming they are still interested and meet eligibility criteria which are:
  - 16-18 years old
  - High school dropouts or not likely to graduate on time
  - Drug free
  - No pending legal charges
  - Not on parole or probation
  - Resident of Oregon and the United States
- The program turns away approximately 25-100 qualified applicants per class.
- On average approximately 10-15% of the qualified applicants turned away still express interest and are eligible for enrollment in the next class offered. These applicants are placed at the top of the list for class selection.

Cost Per Cadet:

- The program is currently funded with 75% federal resources and 25% state resources.
- The overall program budget is \$4.82 million annually based on a graduation target of 120 cadets per class.
- The total cost for a cadet is approximately \$20,083 per class.
  - \$15,062 federal share
  - \$5,021 state share
- State share is funded through ADM and the National Lunch Program with zero cost to the families of cadets.

Youth Challenge's relationship with Oregon Youth Authority:

- Currently there is no relationship or overlap with Youth Authority.
- OYCP is an accredited high school as a corrections model school.
- Our cadets are non-adjudicated, with no pending charges or active parole or probation.