



OREGON  
*Alliance*  
of Children's Programs

HB 2022  
Hearing

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Dear Chair Greenlick and Committee Members,

I am Janet Arenz, Executive Director for the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs. We are a statewide nonprofit representing other nonprofits who take care of children. We represent over \$223 million in services and over 100,000 children who are at-risk or system-engaged. Our members employ over 5,500 Oregonians and support them with \$152 million in payroll each year.

Nearly half of our members deliver mental health and addiction recovery services for children, youth and young adults.

We are very pleased to be part of a working group looking for solutions to help behavioral health patients get the best possible support and treatment outcomes.

Representative Keny-Guyer has assembled a knowledgeable group of people who she has inspired to work through complex processes in order to create a safety net of support for patients leaving residential treatment or hospitalization.

After making the significant investment in crisis care or intensive treatment, we can create a greater chance of successful outcomes simply by ensuring that the transition for patients has some shepherding to follow-up services through case coordination.

We wholly support this effort and are committed to continuing to work for solutions.

Please support this bill as we seek the best strategies for this goal.

Thank you.

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