

This is a story about my 26 year old son who has been struggling with mental illness all of his life.

He has been homeless and also spent 4 months in jail because there was no place for him. Jail is no place for a mentally ill person. It added PTSD to his list of diagnoses.

All of the residential programs he has been in throughout his whole life have been temporary. He was also in and out of foster care and has never had stability.

Currently, he is living in a motel looking for an apartment or room to rent. The housing costs in Bend are outrageous and he is experiencing even worse anxiety about ending up on the streets.

There is a desperate need for permanent housing for the unfortunate mentally ill in Oregon. Please pass Housing Bill 3063.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Olson