



Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs

PROGRAM CLOSURES = Fewer Safe Places for Traumatized Children

21 CONTRACTS TURNED BACK IN THE LAST 4 YEARS [17% of the BRS system]
Community leaders, advocates, professionals, youth and family members make these decisions – they comprise nonprofit Boards.

HALF OF THEM IN A 14 MONTH PERIOD [Sept 2015-Nov 2016]

NONE of these programs had a licensing or investigative issue.

CHILDREN ARE THE REAL LOSERS

- 284 Service slots/beds/foster homes gone = an estimated
- 422 children per year are now without services
 - 75 Lost therapeutic foster care slots, estimated to serve 110 children
 - 14 Lost shelter beds, estimated to serve over 100 youth a year
 - 1 Girl-specific program is left
 - 0 Hispanic or Native American culturally-specific programs remain

WHY? “The Three R’s”

- **Rates/funding** – 30% of costs are not funded in rates, as determined by three state agencies, advocates, providers, CCO’s and youth in 2016.
- **Regulatory oversight** – A new focus on trying to force outcomes through regulation instead of on quality improvements has resulted in provider Boards refusing to contract with the state.
- **Risk management** – Significant, debilitating penalties for foster parents, staff and organizations were added in the last year.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

- **Rates/funding** – Support the Governor’s recommended \$6.6 million rate increase for BRS programs requested by DHS and OYA.
- **Regulatory oversight** - Ensure providers can focus on healing children and not on checking boxes. Support legislation that improves child safety with effective strategies. Call for bill numbers!
- **Risk management** – Refocus by using proven practices in the medical and behavioral health fields that build competency in safety and quality.

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