INVESTING TO SAVE

Responding to COVID-19 Based on Oregon's Past Experience





Oregon and At-Risk Populations

Lesson 1.

Budget Crisis "Muscle Memory" Typically Causes Budget "<u>Cuts</u>" By the Legislature

Lesson 2.

Budget "<u>Cuts</u>" Typically Impact Vulnerable Populations and Communities of Color Disproportionately

Lesson 3.

"<u>Cuts</u>" Make Policy Makers Feel Fiscally Responsible

Lesson 4.

But ... Past "<u>Cuts</u>" Actually <u>Increased</u> "Costs" (\$ and Human)

Lesson 5.

In this crisis, we should learn from our past mistakes and instead <u>invest</u> reserves early to prevent additional/higher costs.

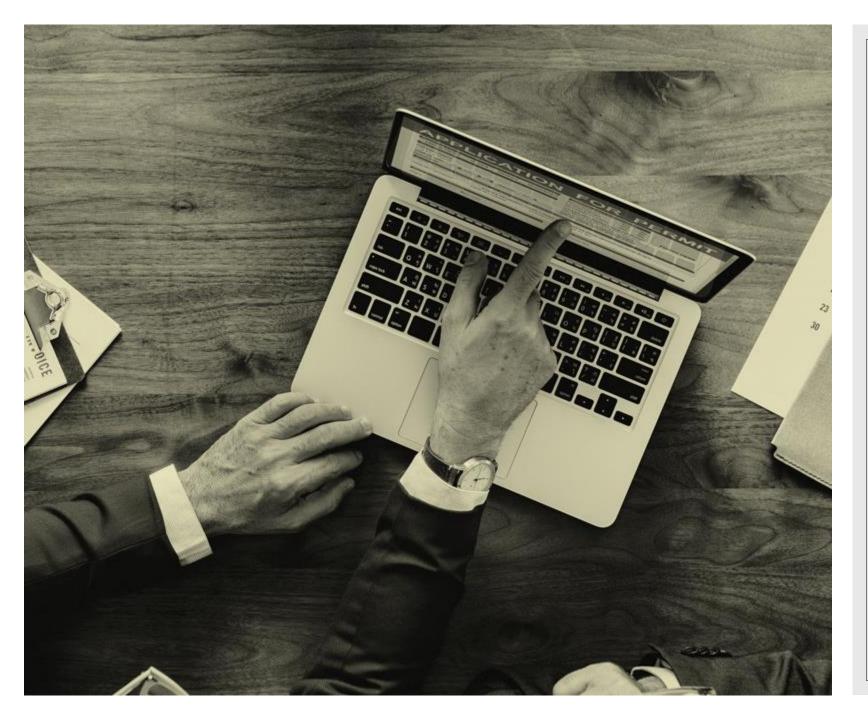
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	INTERVENTION	2018 COST	DURATION	
	In-patient stay in Oregon State Hospital	\$888	Per night	
	Emergency Room Visit	\$500-\$3000	Per visit	
Í	Multnomah Co Jail	\$210	Per night	
	Supportive Housing	\$59 - \$64	Per night	
	Child Welfare HOTEL Stay	\$2, 000	Per night with DHS staff	
-	Child Welfare Residential Slot	\$184 - \$314	Per night with staff costs included	1

#1 Lesson: <u>Cuts = Higher Costs:</u>

OHP 2008: 85,000 Reduction =\$436 million Increase in costs for uncompensated visits to ERs.

CW Cuts from 2009-2014 = 30% of provider beds closed, hundreds of children shipped out of state, lawsuits, \$2,000 per night spent on Hotels versus \$194/night in BRS.

Supportive Housing: For every dollar invested in supportive housing, hundreds of dollars each night are saved that would otherwise be spent on jail, state hospital and emergency room stays.

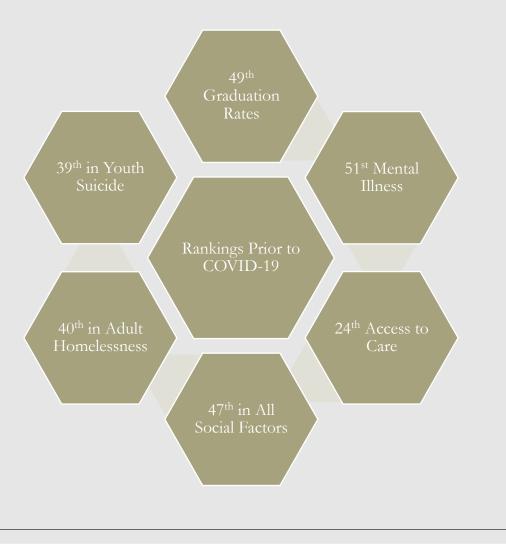


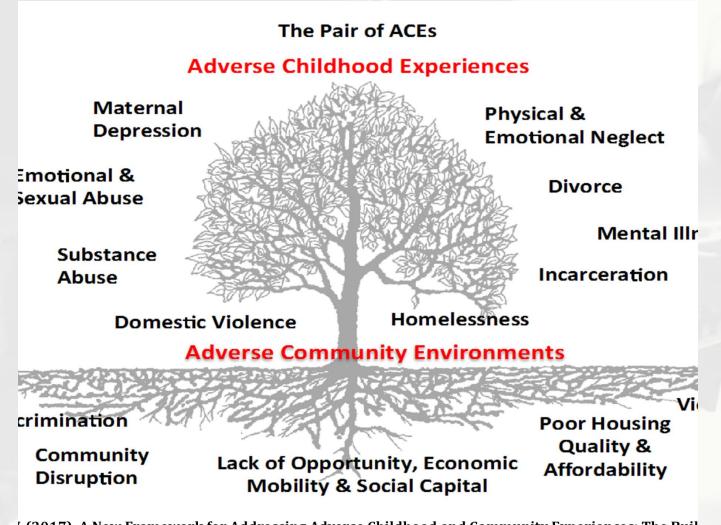
2002 & 2008 Were Different:

- Few reserve or rainy day \$
- No large-scale federal investment
- "End" was not near

Trillium Family Services







What We Know Now That We Didn't Fully Understand in '02 and '08

'. (2017) A New Framework for Addressing Adverse Childhood and Community Experiences: The Buil nce (BCR) Model. Academic Pediatrics. 17 (2017) pp. S86-S93. DOI information: 10.1016/j.acap.2016.

Financial system that preserves and increases current program capacity

Rules, structures and systems that support a robust platform of telehealth services

Access to testing kits that allow inpatient providers to routinely test staff and clients

Financial support for PPE and additional staffing costs

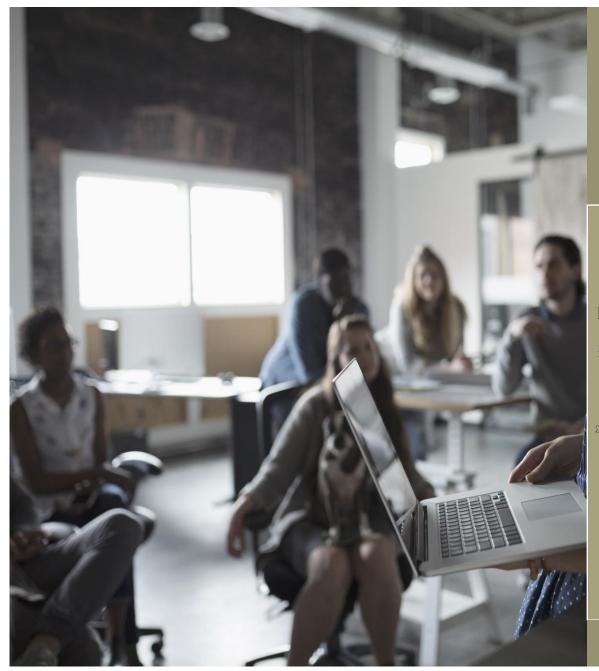
What the Youth and Family Sector Needs to Preserve the System of Care and Avoid Higher Costs



Documentation and Proof of COVID impacts must factor in disparate impact Central City Concern

Digital Inclusion Work Needs to Take Major Jump

Funding and policies need to be integrated to leverage stability



ROI

Every dollar invested into employment social enterprise brings a 174% return in earned taxable income and lowering utilization to other social services per household, especially beneficial for programs like OHP, when people are able to move onto employer sponsored health insurance

(<u>https://redf.org/wp-</u> content/uploads/REDF-MJS-Final-<u>Report.pdf</u>) Every dollar invested in benefits attainment support (direct assistance for processing SSI/SSDI applications) generates hundreds of thousands of dollars in direct cash assistance is awarded to households most at risk of homelessness. Within the same fiscal

year, 70% of the cost of this intervention is paid back in direct cash payments to households. Over the 12 year life of CCC's BEST (Benefits and Entitlements Specialist Team) program it has obtained SSI/SSDI payments in the amount of \$76,102,584, that is federal funding directly into the local economies of Oregon. (https://www.centralcityconcern.org/ blog/recent-news/post/best-program-10-years/

OREGON COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Right Support at the Right Time is Key

IDD Populations Are At Higher Risk of COVID Complications

Investing in the right supports improves the trajectory of people's lives Cuts for the IDD population increases trauma and reliance on more expensive services



Non-Profit organizations/health care providers are an integral part of the social safety net, providing care to diverse communities. Our members have stepped up to meet the needs of our communities despite a challenging and ever evolving landscape.

The Non-Profit Coalition Represents the System of Care

Reflecting on lessons learned, we know that cuts to essential programs often results in costshifting and negative outcomes. With this pandemic, wraparound services are more crucial than ever to protect Oregonians and contribute to a faster and more equitable economic recovery.

What's The Bottom Line?

Don't repeat the mistakes of '08, because, this time, we don't have to repeat those mistakes Oregon should strategically manage its budget to avoid "cuts" which will actually lead to higher short and long-term costs

This means investing existing reserves NEAR TERM to prevent a collapse of the system of care

Recommendations for June Legislative Action

Recommendation

Prevent System Collapse:

Invest 30% of State Rainy-Day Funds <u>Now</u> in human services programs

Invest 30% of Federal Stimulus Funds <u>Now</u> in human services programs

Recommendation 2

Ensure That Staff and Clients Feel Safe:

Prioritize PPE/supplies for all non-profits and safety net providers serving vulnerable populations

Invest in the workforce.

Recommendation 3

Jump start the recovery:

Take action to empower local workforce boards and communities to use federal funds for employment training focused on at-risk, communities of color and youth populations.



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Act *Counterintuitively*

Be Innovative

INVEST to <u>Save</u> Future Costs AND Lives

