



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: OVERVIEW  
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# History

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- The Youth Development Division functions under the direction and control of the Youth Development Council.

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- The Governor appoints the Youth Development Director, who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and powers of the Youth Development Division.
- The Director is directly responsible to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (Governor).

# Overview

The goals of the YDC and YDD are to coordinate and support efforts that:

- ❑ Reengage **youth** with education and career;
- ❑ Secure and strengthen connection for **youth** with education and career; and
- ❑ Reduce **youth** violence and crime

# Overview

**The YDD serves two primary populations of youth:**

- Ages 6-15 who are at risk of disengaging from education system, are already disengaged, or at risk of successfully making key transitions.
- Ages 16-24 who are not participating in the education system and/or not participating in the labor force.

# Overview

Community-based efforts are coordinated and supported by **YDD Community Investments**: need-based, performance-based grants.

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The YDD also receives general funds for **Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP)** and federal funds for **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP)**. JCP funds are allocated to all Oregon counties and federally recognized Indian tribes.

**Community Investments, JCP, and JJDP Grants have served 11,939 youth to date in the 2017-2019 biennium.**

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