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Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs

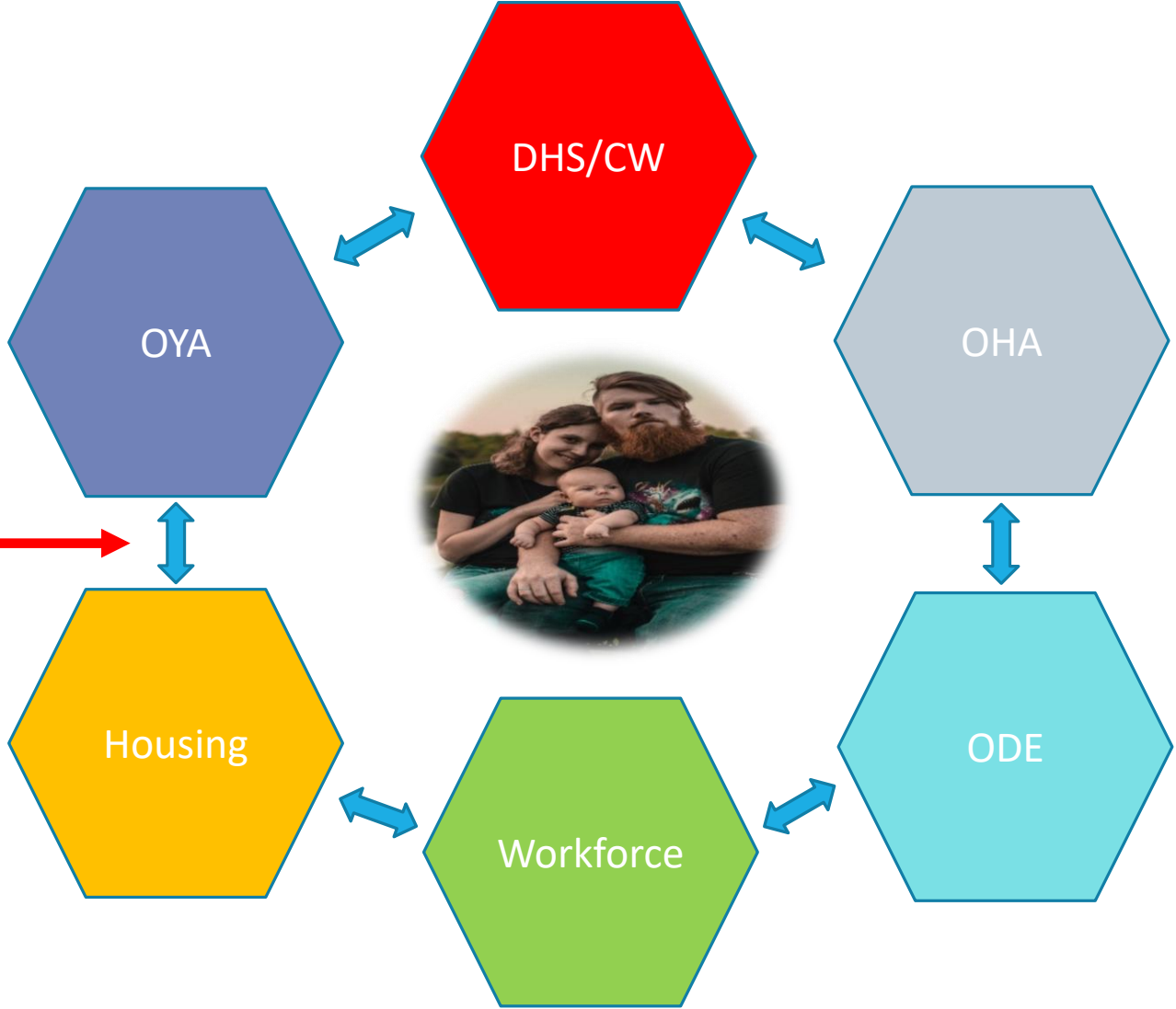
Presentation to:

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
SERVICES**

# CIRCLE OF CARE



The Members of the Alliance are the unifying linkages between systems and the child/family.



# WHO WE ARE



- The Alliance was founded in 1917 to support and improve the lives of Oregon’s children, youth & young adults.
- Close to 40 provider organizations across Oregon who support 100,000 kids annually with over 5K staff.
- Advocacy & training.



## Members provide:

Outpatient mental health and substance use services	Therapeutic Foster Care	Residential
Education (Long Term Care & Treatment)	Parenting supports and training	Intensive in-home services
Outreach, shelter and housing for Runaway & Homeless Youth	Relief Nurseries	State hospital for kids
Day treatment / partial hospitalization	School based mental health, in over 180+ schools across Oregon	Prevention

# WHO WE SERVE



- 100,000 children, adolescents, young adults & families annually across Oregon annually.
- Children & adolescents connected to Child Welfare & Oregon Youth Authority.
- Youth & young adults who lack safety & stability.
- Children/adolescents in need of mental health services, long term care & treatment, specialized educational programs, and who are disproportionately children/teen of color and/or families at or below the federal poverty level.
- Most have severe trauma; abuse, neglect, witnessing domestic violence, abuse, resulting in adult onset chronic disease, depression, violence, being a victim, and suicide.



# RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH (RHY)



- 2017-2018 school year there were a total of 21,756 homeless students, of those 2,549 were unsheltered.
- Since 2012-13 and 2017-18 there has been an increase of 20% of kids who are homeless including increases in runaway & homeless youth in rural areas, as families move seeking more affordable housing.
- Each biennium the state invests \$3.1M towards RHY, ages 13 -21.



	Program Budget	Federal Dollars	State Dollars	County Dollars	City Dollars	Charitable Dollars	Other Funding Dollars
Boys & Girls Aid	\$ 794,297	\$ 317,759	\$ 165,000	\$ 156,352	\$ 33,500	\$ 121,686	\$ -
Hearts with a Mission	\$ 1,635,900	\$ 280,690	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 89,500	\$ 506,800	\$ 558,600
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Janus Youth Programs, Inc.	\$ 2,955,854	\$ 406,007	\$ 190,840	\$ 2,302,276	\$ -	\$ 56,731	\$ -
Looking Glass	\$ 1,509,337	\$ 610,249	\$ 157,945	\$ 444,180	\$ -	\$ 196,576	\$ 100,357
Maslow Project	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 740,000
<b>Members RHY Budget</b>	<b>\$ 10,045,388</b>	<b>\$ 2,542,705</b>	<b>\$ 1,307,785</b>	<b>\$ 3,040,808</b>	<b>\$ 198,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,556,793</b>	<b>\$ 1,398,957</b>
<b>% of funding</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>14%</b>

# RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH (RHY)



- \$6M investment towards expanding the RHY system statewide including outreach, shelter, transitional housing (as determined by the local community).
- Accomplished through:
  - Earmarking \$6M in funding from Governor's budget for homelessness of \$20.5M.
  - Amending SB458 (Sponsor: Senator Haas) to include an investment for community based services & resources; investment needs to be sufficient to ensure the ability to attract, hire, train & retain high level staff.

# RESIDENTIAL



- Residential offers short-term stays in a secure & nurturing environment with 24-hour care & supports, other services include medication management, individualized treatment (individual, family, and group counseling), and developing health coping strategies.
- Oregon has the lowest % of children/adolescent in residential/congregate care across the country; our system has a history of “steering” children/adolescents into other community based supports.
- According to DHS/CW there is a significant shortage of residential capacity.
- Incredibly high turnover rate of day-to-day staff working in residential settings; for some providers the turnover rate is between 50 to 70%.

# SYSTEMIC INVESTMENTS



An improved eco-system for both children and staff that is well supported and is collectively working towards ensuring child safety & well-being.

- Provide comprehensive cost of care funding for child welfare services, based on the true and accurate costs of providing services to ensure the ability to attract, hire, train and retain high level staff.
- Provide “investigation assistance” to persons who are required to investigate child abuse.
  - Ensure those providing investigative assistance are subject matter experts with knowledge of evidenced-based models and best practices regarding:
    - Standards of care
    - Child development
    - Trauma





# THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE



Foster Care is a temporary living arrangement for children who need a safe place to live when their parents / guardians are unable to safely care for them.

Treatment foster care (TFC), also called **therapeutic foster care**, is out-of-home care by foster parents with specialized training to care for a wide variety of children and adolescents, usually those with significant emotional, behavioral, or social issues or medical needs.

- Each is an essential part of a well functioning system of care for children & adolescents.
- According to the 2017 DHS Gap Status Report (2018) “DHS does not have enough foster placements to meet the needs of at-risk children, due in part to a lack of a robust foster parent recruitment program.”
- Providing the right-services at the right-time in the right-place is essential to meeting the short-term and long-term needs of children and families
- Together we have an incredible opportunity to improve outcomes for children / adolescents in foster care.



# THERAPUETIC FOSTER CARE



Provide funding at or above levels recommended by the Governor's budget, then provide sufficient funding to attract, hire, train & retain high level staff (both within DHS, OYA, and nonprofit providers).

Invest in a Foster Care (FC) Innovation Fund:

- \$5-7M investment for a series of investments & pilots across our state focused on the singular goal of re-imagining Foster Care recruitment, training, and support to improve outcomes and demonstrate clear return on investments.

Invest foster parent recruitment, training & certification, need a local & statewide recruitment effort.

- Provide \$2.6M investment into Foster Plus a statewide collaborative
- Support the funding for KEEP that's already in the Governor's budget.



# THANK YOU!

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