

Presentation to the
Senate Human Services Committee

Serving Foster Youth with Complex Needs

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Presentation overview

- Current status
- Demographics of youth served out of state
- Out-of-state placement process
- Creating capacity to serve youth in Oregon

Our vision is for every child and family to have a safe and positive environment in which to live and develop

Objective	Serve our foster youth in Oregon	<p data-bbox="1402 732 1675 922">84</p> <p data-bbox="1272 984 1812 1101">Youth served outside Oregon today</p>
Solution	Oregon must build an appropriate continuum of care to serve our youth	

Youth served outside Oregon

Who is served out-of-state?

- Youth with complex and specialized needs
- Youth who meet criteria for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services (PRTS)
- Youth who require sexual harming treatment services
- Youth who are multi-system involved
- Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

84 youth served outside Oregon



11 states



6 youth ages 9 - 12
78 youth ages 12 -18



33 female
48 male
3 transgender or non-conforming



17 specialized treatment programs

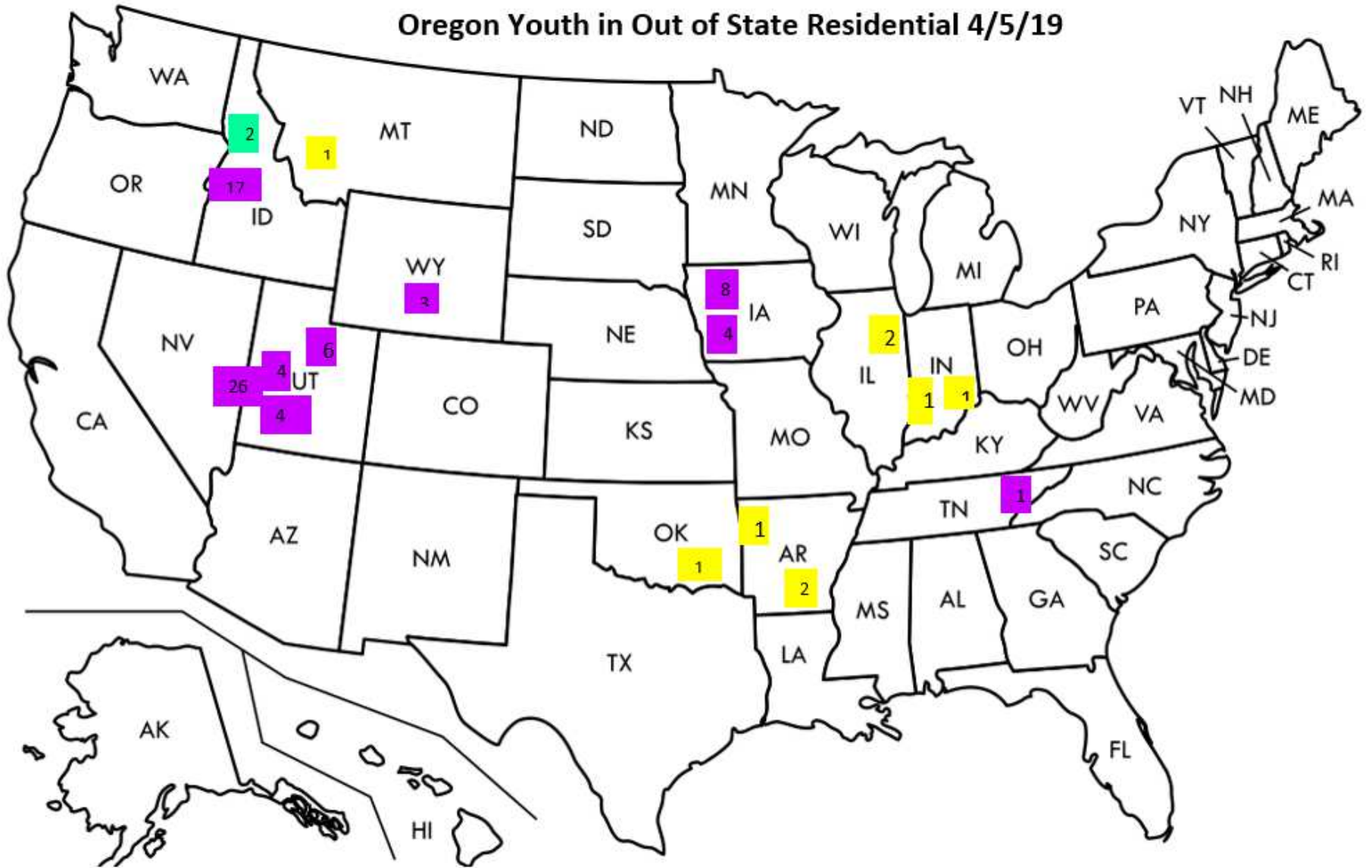


\$400 average daily rate



8 non-profit providers;
9 for profit providers

Oregon Youth in Out of State Residential 4/5/19



Three-part process to determine how to serve youth with complex needs

DHS	Courts	Interstate Compact
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determines child has specialized needs• Convenes FOCUS Committee to assess needs• Determines no resource in Oregon• Local Child Welfare District and Program Manager approves out-of-state placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal counsel appointed for youth• Court hearing• Judge signs court order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interstate Compact Agreement procedures enacted to facilitate youth receiving treatment in another state

Placement process

Focused Opportunities for Children Utilizing Services (FOCUS) Committee

- Review, approval and funding of Individualized Service Plans
- Identifies child's needs and whether they can be met in Oregon
- Membership includes
 - DHS Child Welfare
 - DHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
 - Oregon Health Authority Health Systems Division
 - Providers
 - Outside consultants, when needed

Moving youth to lower levels of care

- 73% stabilize and move to lower levels of care in Oregon; most transition to a parent or relative
- Child Welfare caseworker develops customized transition plan for youth
- Child Welfare is recruiting for position to support out-of-state transitions

What do we need to serve youth in Oregon?

- A comprehensive continuum of care with intensive behavioral health services
- Collaborative partnerships to develop and expand an appropriate and comprehensive continuum of services

Research project: Capacity and Service Matching

- Identifies the ideal system size to appropriately serve the current population based upon physical, mental and behavioral health needs
- Estimates the number of placement beds needed
- Creates research models to identify the best placement for each child
- Develops research tools to improve decision-making regarding treatment and placement decisions

Planning to serve youth in Oregon

In the next 60 days:

- Complete clinical reviews of every youth placed out of state; assess level of care needs
- Identify youth eligible for developmental disabilities programs; assess service level needs
- Convene OHA and Coordinated Care Organizations
- Engage Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS), Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services (PRTS) and subacute providers in planning
- Publish out-of-state placement information on webpage



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