



Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association

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OJDDA Supports Senate Bill 83

The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) supports modifications to the provisions of law related to youth diversion plans.

SB 83 provides a framework to align three Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funding streams that pass from Oregon Youth Authority (JCP Basic and JCP Diversion) and the Youth Development Division (JCP Diversion) to County Juvenile Departments.

SB 83 advances the original intent of these three funding streams identified in the late 1990's to develop a continuum of services in the juvenile justice system. This bill updates statutes to incorporate current language and more accurately reflects current practices to divert youth from Youth Correctional Facilities, State Custody or further penetration into the juvenile justice system at the county level.

SB 83 clearly defines OYA's role in administering and providing oversight of these funding streams. It memorializes a collaborative process between the state and the counties that has been taking place for years, and also articulates roles and expectations moving forward.

SB 83 requires intergovernmental agreements between OYA and each county (or a consortium of counties), making the implementation more consistent across the state and continuing to ensure equitable access for youth services for all counties in Oregon. It allows OYA to build into their contract with a county, "shared services", which is especially helpful for our rural counties where workers for counties and OYA cover many miles in an effort to deliver services to youth and families.

SB 83 incorporates the Youth Development Division into the collaborative process in developing approaches and aligning funding streams to better serve youth and families in our communities.

OJDDA urges your support for Senate Bill 83.

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