



Oregon ranks 49th out of 51 for adult access to mental health services, and dead last 51st out of 51 for children (see attached). How on earth could lawmakers have considered something like measure 110, which critically depends on excellent access to mental health services *\*before\** decriminalization? This is common sense. This is negligence.

Portugal has made it a requirement that access to mental health services is required *\*before\** decriminalization a core tenant of their strategy. I'm sure Oregon officials understood this clearly, yet they still decriminalized knowing Oregon has the worst access to mental health services in the country.

At the risk of hyperbole, this reads like involuntary manslaughter at a substantial scale on the part of Oregon policy and law makers. Opioid deaths have doubled since this law was put into effect. I suspect the responsibility for a decent percentage of these excess deaths rests squarely on the shoulders of state officials that pushed for this and/or approved this measure. Shame on you.