



Presentation to the Senate Interim Committee on Human Services

# Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) update

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# Agenda

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- I. SACU background and purpose
- II. Current risks
- III. Next steps
- IV. Questions

The Office of Developmental  
Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Stabilization and Crisis Unit  
(SACU)



# **SACU purpose and background**

# Prioritizing community living

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Oregonians with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) deserve to live full, rich lives in their communities.

Sometimes significant mental health or other crises occur.

Short-term residential services can help people stabilize

and return to life in their communities.



# What is SACU?

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24-hour residential program operated by the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) intended to:

- Stabilize individuals in crisis.
- Support individuals to return to their communities.
- Provide short-term stays.



# Who does SACU serve?

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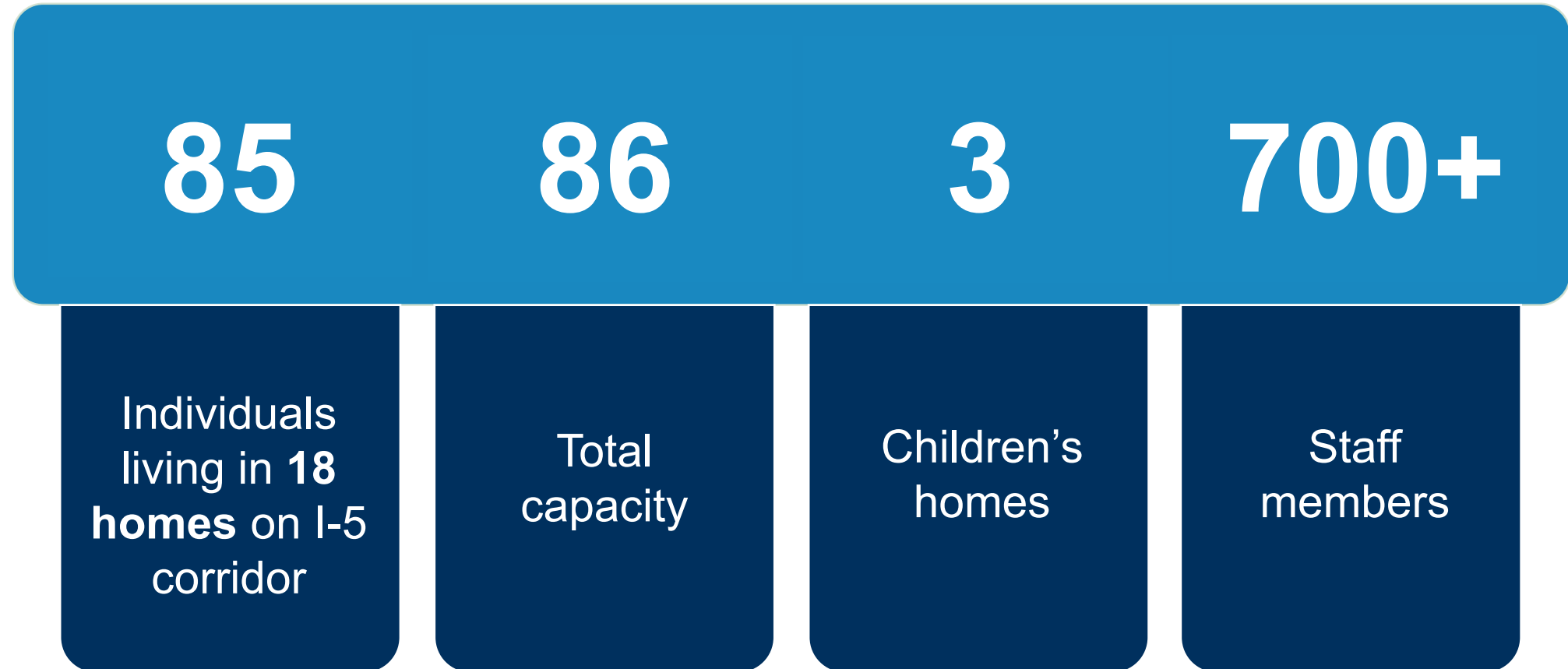
People with I/DD who may:

- Have co-occurring mental health issues
- Have significant medical needs
- Be involved with the justice system



# By the numbers

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# A needed alternative to institutionalization

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1907– 2000

## Fairview Training Center

- Institutionalized people with I/DD

1989 – 2012

## State Operated Community Program (SOCP)

- Permanent homes for people when Fairview closed in 2000
- In 2000, SOCP had 32 homes for 152 individuals

2012 – present

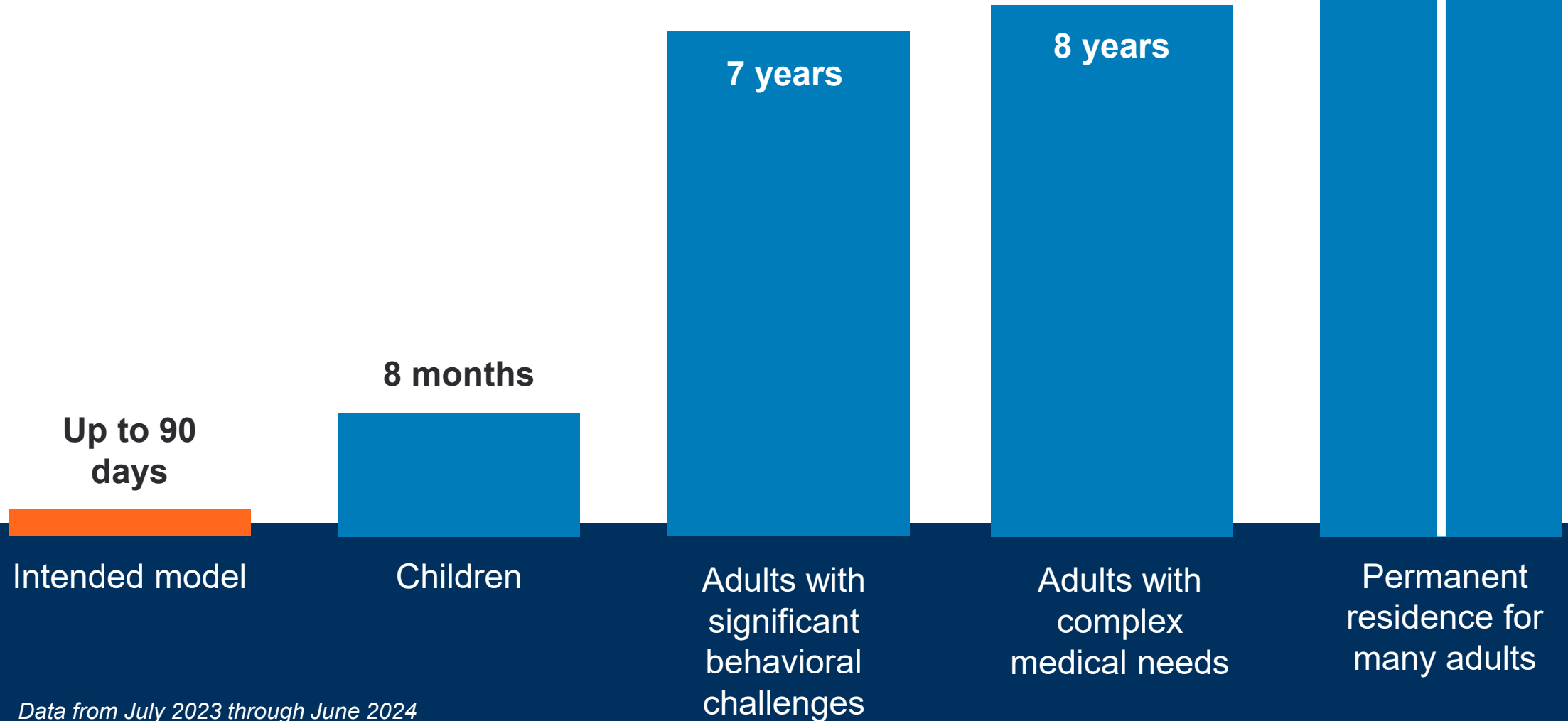
## SACU

- Repurposed SOCP to stabilize individuals in crisis so they could return to living in their communities
- Stringent entry criteria for placements
- Time-limited stays
- By July 2012: SACU had 23 homes for 109 individuals



# Current risks

# Increased lengths of stay



Data from July 2023 through June 2024

# Unsustainable per-individual costs

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2016

**\$40,000/month**

2024 (Q3)

**\$103,000/month**

# Federal compliance risks and policy barriers

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- **Rate setting methodology for community providers** doesn't consider enhanced support needs of individuals who would transition out of SACU.
- **Plans to exit SACU** are complicated by federal K Plan regulations.
- **Possible non-compliance** with federal Home and Community Based Services settings regulations (42 CFR 441.530).

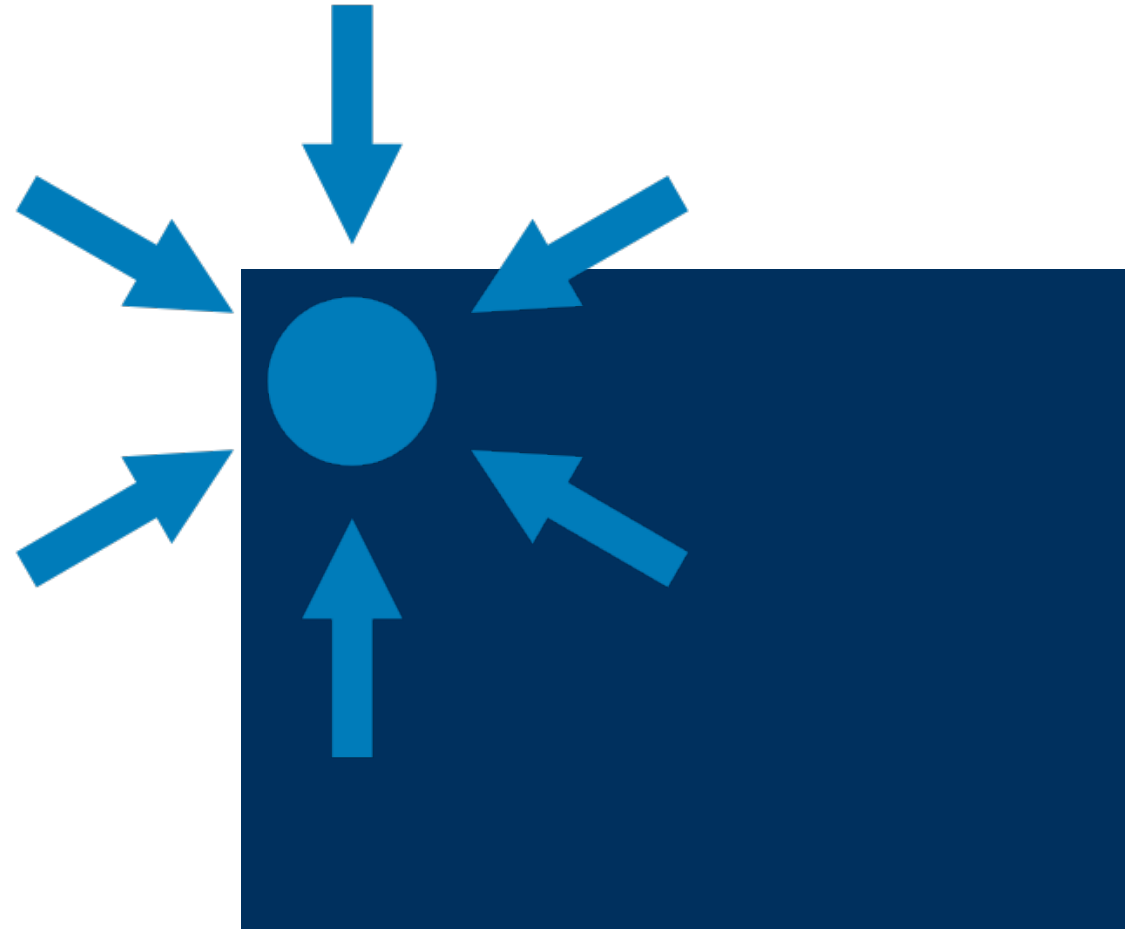


**Next steps**

# 2025-27: Opportunity to refocus SACU

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- The Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) reduces SACU funding.
- GRB directs ODHS to work with I/DD community, labor partners and providers to refocus SACU into a **short-term crisis stabilization unit**, determining appropriate size, scope, safety, services, and costs.



# The near term

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- **Secretary of State audit request** submitted December 4.
- **Residential Facilities Ombudsman** will visit all SACU homes.
- **Internal reviews and audits** of compliance with rules, policies and procedures.
- **Two vacant SACU homes will close** effective Jan. 31, 2025:
  - Eliot House 2, Portland
  - Weirich House, Lebanon

No additional home closures planned at this time.



# The longer term: Guiding goals

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In addition to right-sizing SACU, ODDS is committed to working with partners to:

- **Strengthen home- and community-based supports** to ensure people can successfully transition out of SACU and into their communities.
- Ensure people can access the **behavioral and other health supports** they need to live successfully in community.





# Our vision

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Individuals receive quality services and supports to meet their needs and help them live the lives they want in their community.





Questions?

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Thank you.

