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BRINGING BACK COMMON SENSE TO THE
CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

DOUG RIGGS, OREGON ALLIANCE FOR
SAFE KIDS & HEALTHY FAMILIES

The Problem

Decade of rate cuts = depleted workforce

Complex regulatory framework

Needless duplicative systems / silos too many agencies with too many duplicative contract requirements, audits, reviews, reports

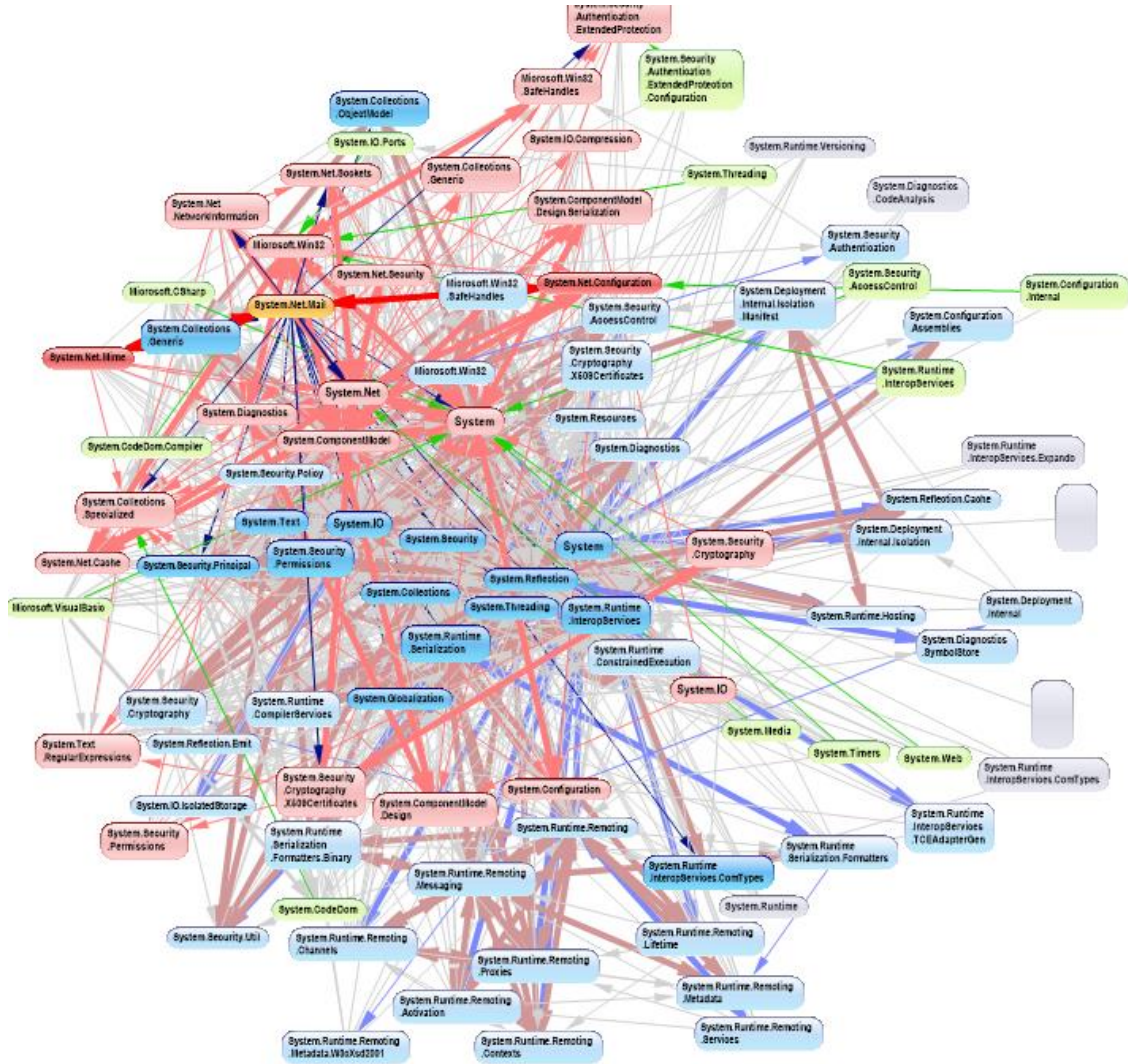
Episodic system creates **gaps** in service (i.e. added trauma) for youth and families.

Gaps (and what come after) are: bad, re-traumatize the youth, start from scratch, lose progress, generate mistrust and fear.

Gaps in service = increased trauma & loss of progress



Impossible to Navigate





*Impact on
Staff/
Providers/
Capacity*

45-65% annual workforce turnover



2/3 reduction in residential beds



Closure of major programs:

The "I Am" program for
black teen boys (OYA)

The "White Shield"
program for
pregnant/parenting girls

The Bob Belloni Ranch
Girls program

This has led to:

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Oregon Ships Foster Care Children To Other States — And The Number Is Growing

by **Lauren Dake** [Follow](#) OPB Feb. 5, 2019 6 a.m. |
Updated: Feb. 5, 2019 10:19 a.m. | Salem, Ore.

Child Welfare officials offered welcome news last fall in a report to Gov. Kate Brown: It had been weeks since they placed a foster child in a hotel.

The development was an improvement for the state Department of Human Services, which weathered a firestorm of

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Settlement To Stop Foster Kids Sleeping In Hotels And Offices Breaks Down

by **Kristian Foden-Vencil** [Follow](#) OPB June 15, 2017 midnight | Updated: May 31, 2018 11:52 a.m. | Portland



Shortage of Mental Health Beds Keeps Kids Trapped Inside ERs

FROM THE WEBMD ARCHIVES [i](#)

By Martha Bebinger, WBUR
Friday, June 25, 2021 (Kaiser News) -- One evening in late March, a mom called 911. Her daughter, she said, was threatening to kill herself. EMTs arrived at the home north of Boston, helped calm the 13-year-

As a result....

Families with no support feel abandoned when youth come home

Core issues go unaddressed

Youth move into higher and higher levels of care

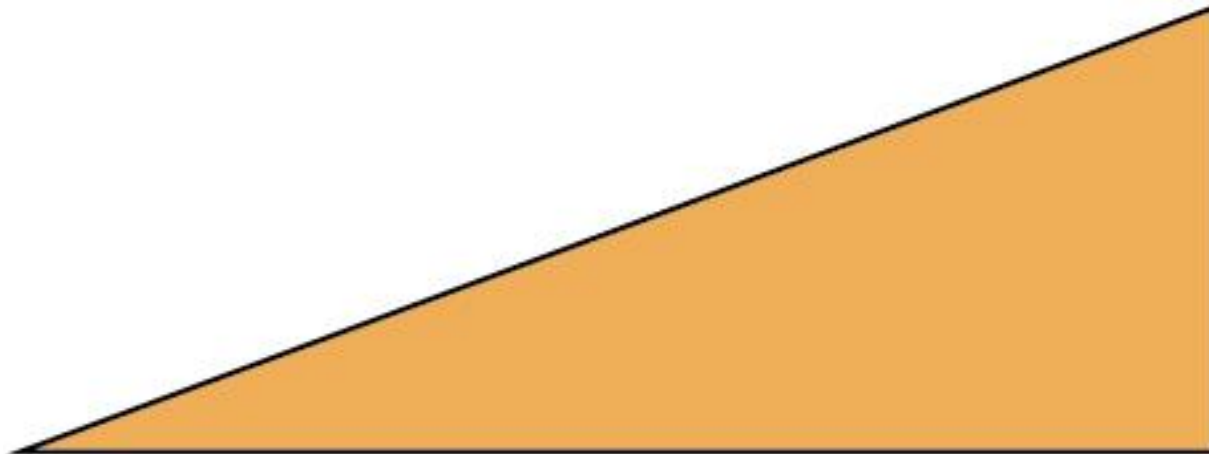
Staff become frustrated by dysfunctional system

State pays higher and higher costs as youth age

Opportunity for true progress is lost

What Are We Seeking?

Over 2-5 Years



Youth/Family Sees One Wrap-Around Team

One Agency / One Contract / One Regulator

Pay Staff to Retain Staff - - Continuity

