

SOCAC

System of Care Advisory Council

SOCAC wants YOU to support [HB 4087 -3](#) amendment!

The purpose of this amendment is to implement a pilot program that establishes and evaluates the impact of *Capacity Payments* to strengthen the Oregon Children's Residential System as recommended in a Special Master's Draft Report filed in connection with a recent federal case¹

SOCAC agrees with the Special Master that a strong residential system is essential to a healthy system of care for children and families across Oregon. Oregon has lost a significant number of children's residential services over the past several years and the remaining providers are struggling to sustain these vital services. Capacity Preservation Payments would help keep organizations open, allowing for the system to stabilize and grow **to meet the increasing needs of children and families.**

Capacity Preservation Payments are:

- Payments based on a formula that includes a program's existing capacity, potential capacity, and average daily rate.
- Voluntary for providers who do not already receive capacity payments.
- Paid through short term contracts to be executed by June 30, 2024.

The goals of Capacity Preservation Payments are to:

- Stabilize existing capacity critically needed to help children with a high level of need.
- Develop additional needed capacity for these services.
- Support workforce recruitment, retention, and training.

SOCAC will establish an advisory committee to develop expectations and monitor efficacy of the contracts and their impact on the children's residential system including the impact on temporary lodging. They will report back to the Legislature with recommendations for future Capacity Preservation Payments during Legislative Days in January 2025.

The -3 amendment designates \$15 million in funds through OHA to support Capacity Preservation Payments for one calendar year based on formulas created by the agencies.

¹Report of the Special Master CASA for Children, et al. v. State of Oregon et al. United States District Court or the District of Oregon Case No. 3:16-cv-018195-YY November 30, 2023

Below are examples of program types that may be eligible for Capacity Preservation Payments through OHA, ODHS or OYA:

- Psychiatric residential treatment services
- Sub-acute treatment services
- Secure Children’s Inpatient Program
- Secure Adolescent Inpatient Program
- Residential SUD treatment
- Qualified ODDS Residential providers who serve children/youth with co-occurring issues including having proper BH staff
- BRS Intensive Residential
- BRS Short-Term Stabilization
- BRS Intensive Behavioral Support

Please support HB 4087 (-3 amendment). Oregon’s Children are counting on us!

