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I have been working with youth that are afflicted with substance use disorder for the past few years now. There is a strong deficit here in Oregon when it comes to getting these kiddos the help and support that they need. Often times kids are extremely resistant to accepting help when it does become available. I believe that getting a moment of clarity and stabilization (which comes after time free of substances) is a good thing to get the kids adequate and accurate support to address any additional struggles that they have which can often be underlined mental health issues. When a kid is in a state of psychosis or mania induced by substances they aren't thinking clearly or in their own best interest, so by being able to admit them until those symptoms subside can be beneficial to the overall welfare of the youth. My hope is that along with this access and available services will go along with it to hopefully bring Oregon up from the current state that we are in now.