

Hope for Safe Spaces for Youth In Oregon

HB3835



Problem: Well meaning responses had unintended consequences



Punitive regulations (small things by statute must be investigated as either “abuse” or “neglect”)

You may not protect staff, other youth from aggressive behavior

Dr. Jetmalani: *“Fear and terror” among workers*

Fact

Decline of Available Safe Places for High Acuity Kids =
INCREASE of Wrong Places for Kids



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUTH

Gone: Culturally specific, Girls', Latinx, Black youth, LGBTQ+, Rural programs

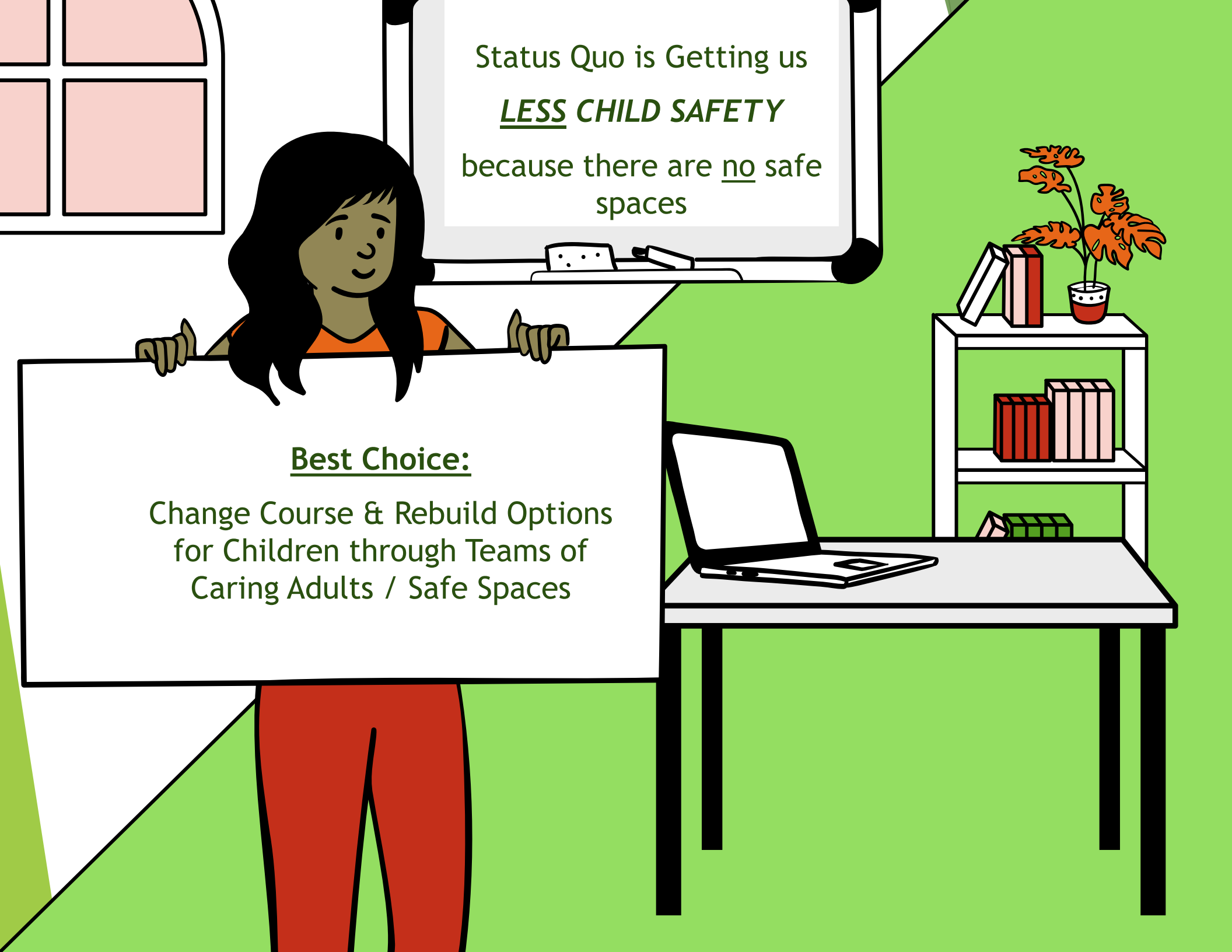
Facts:

No Beds for Highest Acuity:

Example: 22 and 32

No Where to Go





Status Quo is Getting us
LESS CHILD SAFETY
because there are no safe
spaces

Best Choice:

Change Course & Rebuild Options
for Children through Teams of
Caring Adults / Safe Spaces