



## *Breaking the Cycle*

*The Data Driven Way to Reduce Adult Homelessness*

# Kids Programs: A Decade of Disinvestment

2011 - - Local “*Children & Families Commissions*” Eliminated

2009 - 15 - - Budget Cuts to:

- Homeless Youth
- MH / BH Programs
- Foster Care
- Child Welfare

## By 2019:

- ✓ 67% cut in children's residential programs,
- ✓ 90% cut to homeless youth programs,
- ✓ 90%+ cut to substance abuse treatment for children.

## Result:

- ✓ Oregon is now 46<sup>th</sup> in youth mental health
- ✓ 21,000+ homeless adults (who came from...)

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### Homelessness in Oregon hits record high in 2023



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Portland had the highest percentage of unsheltered families experiencing homelessness in 2023. Photo: Maranie Staab/Bloomberg via Getty Images

Oregon and Portland led the nation in homelessness among families and youth in 2023.



# #1 Indicator of Chronic Adult Homelessness is .....



## Math:

400+ aging out of services each year

9 years X 400 = 3,600

42.5% of UH are 25-44

Total UH Ages 25-44\* = 3,549



\* Oregon Point In Time Count, 2023

## OREGON HAS:

4th 

HIGHEST NUMBER OF  
UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS  
YOUTH ACROSS THE U.S.<sup>1</sup>

33.6% **22,072**  
INCREASE IN  
UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH  
EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS.<sup>1</sup>

K-12 YOUTH  
EXPERIENCED  
HOUSELESSNESS IN THE  
2021-2022 SCHOOL  
YEAR.<sup>4</sup>



## Legislative Action:

2021 - - \$2.0 million invested

2022 - - \$4.5 million invested

2023 - - \$25.1 million (DHS +  
Housing)

2025 - - \$19.5 + \$4.6 = \$25.1 m

## Independent 2023 Study (From This Committee):

Recommended: \$154 million / biennium

## Missing Altogether:

Substance Use Treatment Resources

Specific YEH / Youth BH Workforce Programs that work

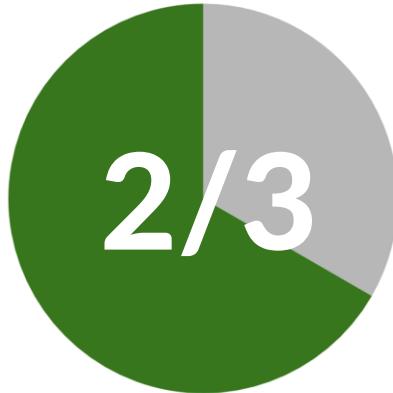
# HB3079 (-1) from 2025

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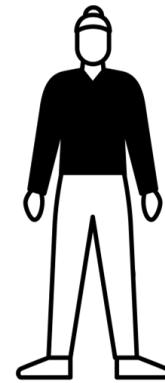
*Rep. Emerson Levy, Senators Deb Patterson, Lisa Reynolds*

- ✓ \$30 million = Support Existing Programs & Expand (as recommended by study)
- ✓ \$11 million = Crisis Emergency Sustainability (preserve existing capacity)
- ✓ \$13 million = Fill GAP SUD Treatment
- ✓ \$3.5 million = Fill GAP Youth BH Workforce In-House Training
- ✓ NET OVER GOV Request = \$34.7 million (1/40<sup>th</sup> amount spent on adult system)

# What Do We Know?



2/3 of youth who are homeless for as little as **3 months** go on to become homeless as adults.



The cost of one adult trapped in homelessness is  
**\$3.2-\$5 million**

Data shows that for every **\$5 million** of investment, we can serve over **700 RHY** youth, so....

If just **50%** of those youth for a three-year period avoided homelessness as adults, the state could save **\$3.2 billion** over the next **20-30 years**.

## Wrap Around Model:

85% Success Rate

## *Bottom Line:*

We cannot fix or end adult  
homelessness until we fix youth  
homelessness.





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