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*of* Oregon

## *Breaking the Cycle*

*The Data Driven Way to Reduce Adult Homelessness*

## ODHS Youth Experiencing Houselessness Program (YEHP):

- *ODHS Program funds housing and supports for YEH*
- *HB 3079 and a parallel budget request would:*
  - *Increase the number of youth served statewide by YEHP, including by expanding the program into more parts of the state*
  - *Fund workforce development and behavioral health services for youth*

## OHCS Youth Experiencing Houselessness Assistance Program (YEHA):

- Prevention program for families with kids, K through grade 12, at risk of houselessness
- Provides services like emergency rental and utility assistance, paying rental application fees
- HB 3079 would expand eligibility to include families with preschool-aged kids
- A parallel budget request would increase this prevention funding from \$5m to \$15m

# 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

$$9 \text{ years} \times 400 = 3,600$$

42.5% of UH are 25-44

$$\text{Total UH Ages 25-44*} = 3,549$$



\* 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>



## Independent 2023 Study (From This Committee):

Recommended: \$154 million / biennium

## Missing Altogether:

Substance Use Treatment Resources

Specific YEH / Youth BH Workforce Programs that work

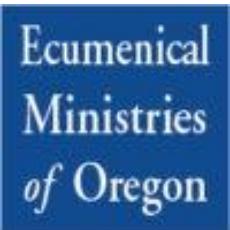
## Wrap Around Model:

85% Success Rate

## *Bottom Line:*

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





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