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The Honorable Senator Sara Gelser, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Dick Anderson, Vice-Chair  
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Re: Responses to questions raised during the Child Welfare Overview

Please accept this in response to requests made during the February 18, 2021 informational meeting on the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Child Welfare Overview.

**Request:** Confirmation that the data on the 2020 Safety Decision by Reporter Type table included cross reporting by law enforcement agencies.

**Response:** Cross reporting is included in that data. The data for reporter type reflects all types of reports by law enforcement agencies. Different reporting types by law enforcement agencies are only counted once in the data.

**Request:** Information on the ODHS's role in addressing youth homelessness.

**Response:** The Runaway and Homeless Youth program within the ODHS Self-Sufficiency Programs is responsible for coordinating statewide planning for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and their families. The program currently administers grants to different youth-serving providers across Oregon and recommends policies that integrate a system of services and support for runaway and homeless youth up to 21 years of age. We currently have thirteen grantees across the state providing who all provide a different array of services which may include shelter, drop-in services, street outreach, job development, and/or mentoring.

To see highlights of the programs activities on this topic please see our most recent annual report located here: [Runaway and Homeless Youth Annual Report](#).

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