

Youth Development Oregon Overview & Programs

Background

The **Youth Development Division (YDD)** is Oregon's youth development agency, supporting youth well-being and success through grants, policy, and collaboration with communities. The YDD's budget lies within the Oregon Department of Education budget, and ODE provide administrative and business services to YDD. The YDD is led by the governor-appointed Youth Development Director.

The **Youth Development Council (YDC)** is a state advisory board, consisting of Governor-appointed youth development practitioners, advocates, and youth. The YDC has rulemaking and grantmaking authority, as well as responsibility for strategic direction and coordination.

Youth Development Oregon is the name given to the collective work of the Division and Council.

Statutory Reference: ORS 417.847 – 417.859

Mission, Vision & Strategies

Mission

Youth Development Oregon aligns systems and invests in communities to ensure equitable and effective services for youth ages 6 through 24. Throughout Oregon and Tribal Nations, we support educational and career success, disrupt youth crime and violence, and affirm youth strengths and safety.

Vision

All of Oregon's youth have the opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Strategies

- Identify and Remove System Barriers and Gaps
- Reduce Disparities and Achieve Equitable Outcomes
- Build Assets, Protective Factors and Strength-based Practices for Youth
- Engage, Reengage, and Advance Youth Learners
- Prevent and Disrupt Crime and Violence and Promote Youth Safety

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Key Programs

Grantmaking

Youth Development Oregon provides critical investment to community-based organizations, educational agencies, Federally-recognized Tribes, County Juvenile Departments, and other entities across the Oregon. Grants support in-school and out-of-school youth development and enrichment programs, workforce readiness training, youth reengagement, juvenile crime prevention and diversion, youth violence and gang prevention and intervention, and more.

Compliance Monitoring

The YDC is the State Advisory Group for compliance with federal JJDPa core protections for juveniles in the justice system. The YDD verifies sight and sound separation of juveniles and adults in secure custody, the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, jail removal, and the reduction of racial and ethnic disparities at juvenile justice decision points.

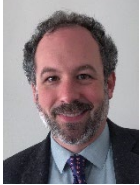
Oregon Youth Reengagement System

YDD coordinates regional, community-based efforts to reengage youth who leave school before earning a diploma or GED. Established as part of the Student Success Act, this program supports reengagement opportunities and services for youth through grantmaking, convening and technical assistance.

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