



# Comprehensive Treatment Centers

## Opioid Use Disorder Programs

Dear Senator Dembrow, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing to you today in support of SB 238 on behalf of Acadia Health Care, which operates Opioid Treatment Programs across Oregon. Opioid Treatment Programs deliver life-saving substance use disorder treatment, known as Medication Assisted Treatment to Oregonians living with Opioid Use Disorder. In recent years, Opioid Use Disorder was recognized as the most expensive diagnosis for an individual in the metro area on the Oregon Health Plan. However, we know this chronic health condition is not only costly to our healthcare system, it is costly to the families and communities that are impacted.

We are grateful to see a bill that seeks to address this impact on the community level. This legislation makes access to life-saving information regarding opioid overdose a statewide standard. Currently, Acadia partners with local schools to offer information to students about the risks of opioids and their options to seek help for themselves, their peers, or their loved ones. We believe all students should have access to this kind of education and **we urge your support and passage of SB 238.**

Acadia looks forward to partnering with OHA, the Board of Education, and the ADPC to see how providers like Acadia can be a resource in the implementation of SB 238.

Thank you for your consideration.

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