



Oregon Youth Authority

2025 Legislative Session: Resilient and Responsive





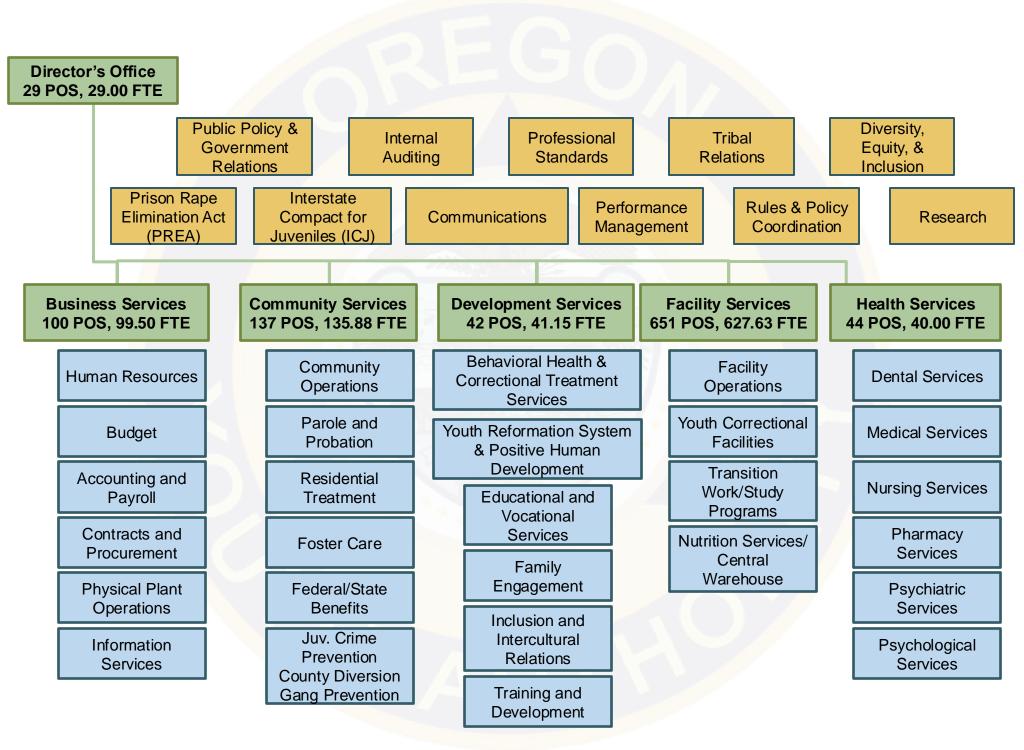


Mission

Protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments

Vision

Youth will leave the Oregon Youth Authority and lead productive, crime-free lives



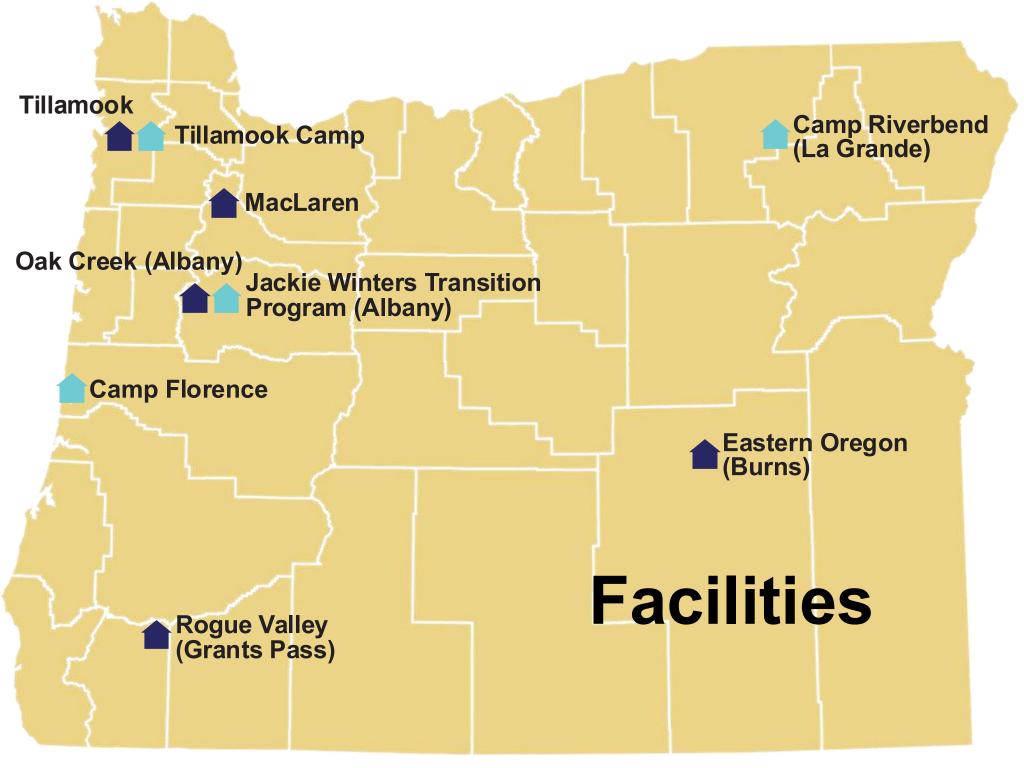
Operating Principles

Positive Human Development

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Data-Informed Decision Making





Field Offices

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Residential Programs

Foster Homes

Oregon's Juvenile Justice System (to scale)	Referrals go to co juvenile departm	· · · · · ·
303,673 youth ages 12-17 in Oregon, 2022	Local options Informal handlin Diversion Adjudication 	
	County Supervision	2,157
		515 375

Sources: OYA Quick Facts (Jan 2025), Active Dispositions Report 628 (2022), and Easy Access to Juvenile Populations (2020)



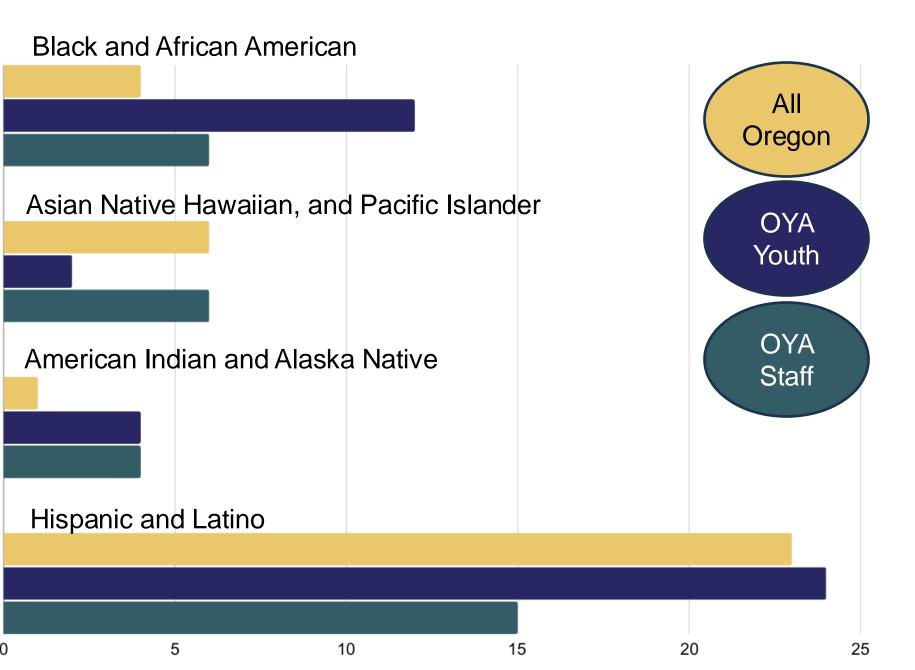


Who are the youth served by OYA?

Commitment Crimes

Category	Number	Percentage
Sex Offense	235	26%
Property	158	18%
Person-to-Person	260	29%
Robbery	66	7%
Drugs/Alcohol-Related	12	1%
Weapon-Related	65	7%
Homicide-Related	49	6%
Criminal Other	35	4%
Arson	4	1%
Public Order	6	1%

Racial Disparities At OYA (by %)



	auma history 96%			Known traur 99%	
drug/al	of regular Icohol use 70%		History of regular drug/alcohol use 82%		
	stance abuse 33%)	Parent substance abuse 77%		
hi	education story 52%	Social		History of physical abuse 68%	
physic	tory of cal abuse 88%	Characteristics History of suicide attempts 40%		pts	
atte	of suicide empts 6%		Special education history 37%		
Male	Biological of a ch 4%	ild	Biological Parent of a child 2%		

Since 2022, 86% of OYA youth have current or past substance abuse

60% of OYA boys and 82% of OYA girls have a diagnosed mental health disorder

29% increase in trauma-related diagnoses among males committed to OYA since 2020

97% of the youth entering our facilities recently have known trauma history

Rising Youth Acuity





How do we approach our work?

Positive Human Development



AND ACCOUNTABILITY

CARING AND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Agency Infrastructure

Developmental Programming & Skill-Development

Education & Vocation

Culturally Specific Support



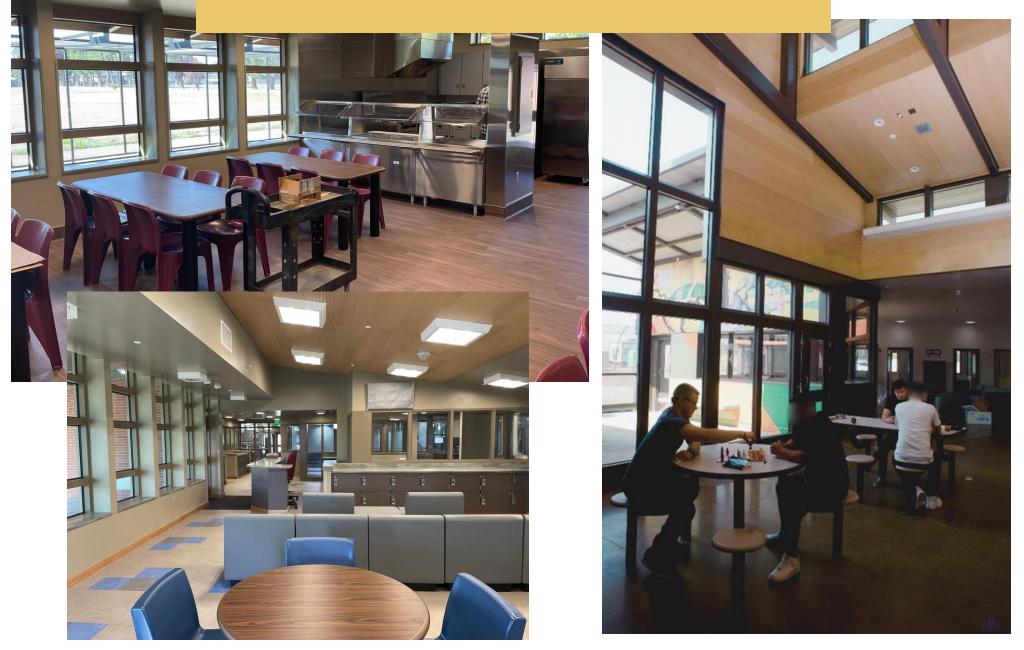
Developmental Programming & Skill-Development

Treatment for behaviors related to criminogenic risk

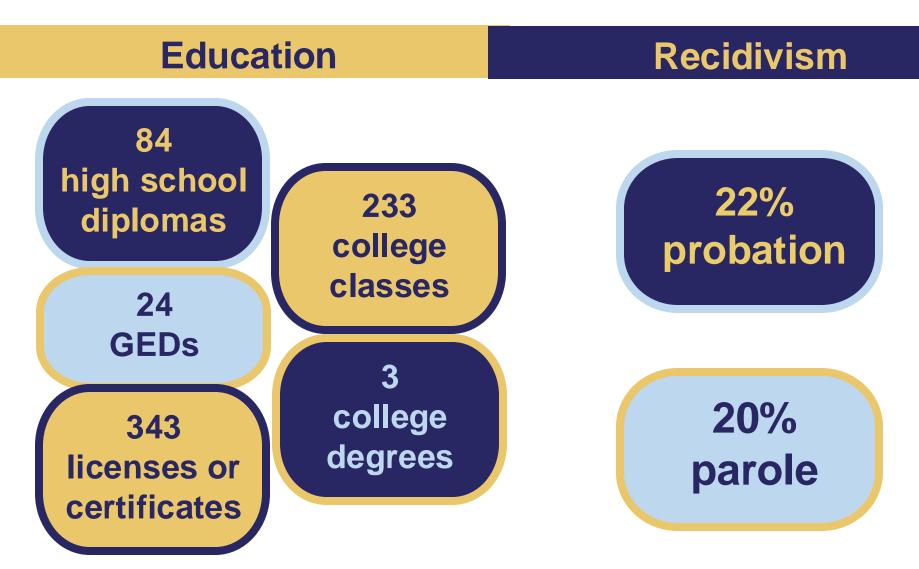
Family Engagement



Developmental Environments



Outcomes



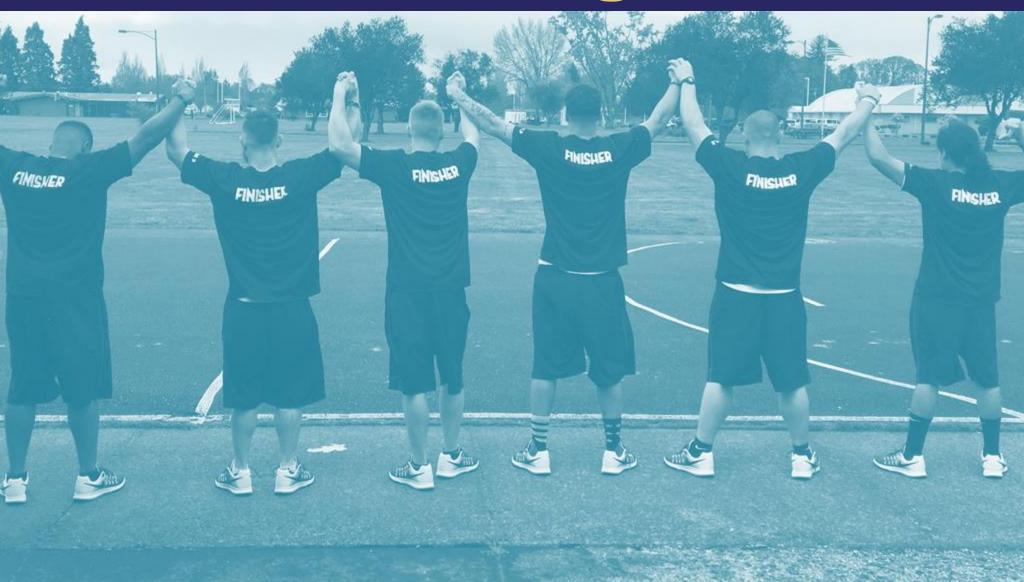
Numbers reflect youth in facilities only, and for the 2023-2024 school year





Our 2025 Legislative Agenda: Resilient and Responsive

Challenges



OYA Seeks Your Support To Become More Resilient

Preserve current staffing levels to increase the ratio of staff to youth	Ensure we can get each youth the right placement	
 Adopt the Governor's Proposed Budget for OYA 	 SB 816: Expand Use Of County Pass-Through Dollars SB 818: Allow Capacity Payments for Contracted Providers 	
Strengthen Infrastructure	Improve Safety	
 POP 106: Facilities 10-Year Plan POP 301: JJIS Modernization 	 POP 303: Deferred Maintenance & Capital Improvement POP 302: CCTV & Access Control 	

OYA Seeks Your Support To Become More Responsive

Enhance health for staff and youth

- SB 813: Compel Testing for Communicable Diseases
- POP 304: MacLaren Infirmary & Pharmacy Renovations/Expansion
- POP 550: Medicaid Waiver Support

Support Youth Housing Stability

- SB 814: Ensure OYA youth can access state housing services
- POP 551: Housing and Reentry Coordinator
- POP 103: Interpreter /Translation Services

Promote Equity and Accessibility





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