



Youth  
Development  
Oregon

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Programs

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# Background



**Youth  
Development  
Council**

The **Youth Development Council (YDC)** is a state advisory board with rulemaking and grantmaking authority and responsibility for strategic direction and coordination of youth development programs. The YDC is also the designated State Advisory Group (SAG) responsible for oversight of federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) compliance monitoring and Title II funding.



**Youth  
Development  
Division**

The **Youth Development Division (YDD)** is Oregon's youth development agency, housed within the Oregon Department of Education. YDD administers grant programs and collaborates with state agencies and communities to support youth educational and career success and prevent youth crime and violence.



**Youth  
Development  
Oregon**

**Youth Development Oregon** refers to the collective work of the Division and Council. Key agency responsibilities like grantmaking processes and JJDP A compliance monitoring are shared efforts of the YDD and YDC.

# Vision & Mission



## VISION

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

## MISSION

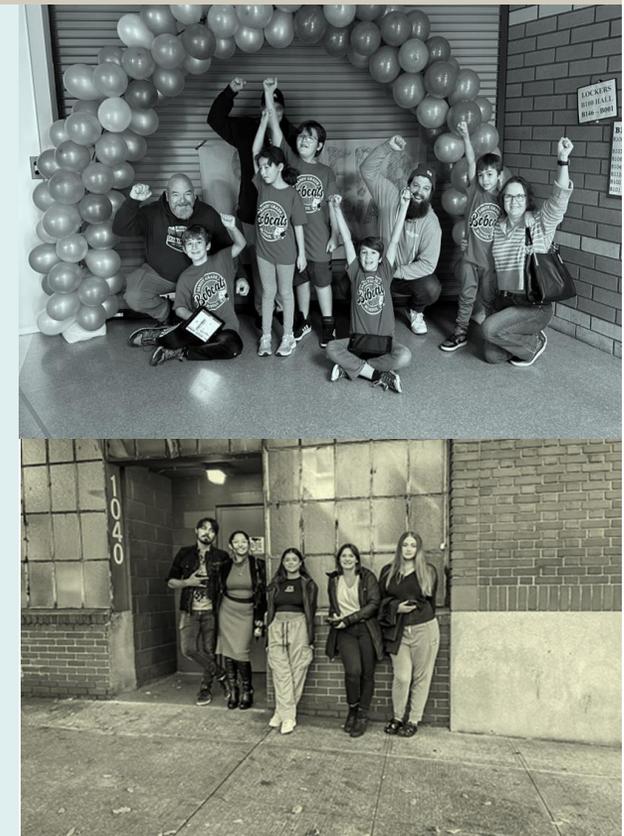
Youth Development Oregon aligns systems and invests in communities to ensure equitable and effective services for youth ages 6 through 24. Throughout Oregon and Tribal Nations, we support educational and career success, disrupt youth crime and violence, and affirm youth strengths and safety.



# Youth Served

By statute, youth are:

- **Ages 6-24**
- **Facing barriers to and experiencing disparities in educational success**
- **Justice involved**
- **Foster care involved (and transitioning out of system)**
- **Experiencing homelessness and poverty**
- **With disabilities and unique needs**
- **Disconnected from education and employment, including out of school without diploma/GED (Reengagement Youth)**



# Juvenile Justice Overview – Roles and Statutes



## YDC

- System representation: county juvenile/youth services departments, Tribal education, courts, prevention and human services departments; Oregon Department of Education; Oregon Youth Authority; and Oregon judicial branch
- Develop and approve the formula allocation of funds (and minimum grant), and establish criteria and review and approve local crime prevention plans (ORS 417.855)
- Reviews and approve 30-day extended detention programs (ORS 419.453)
- Develop and approve detention guidelines (ORS 169.090)

## YDD

- Administer state and federal funds; collaborate and coordinate with Counties and Tribal Nations; ensure State's compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

# Juvenile Justice Overview – Federal Compliance



The Youth Development Council fulfills the responsibilities of a State Advisory Group established by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) of 1974, recently reauthorized in 2018:

- Participates in the development of the State Plan for federal Title II formula grants
- Ensures compliance with the 4 Core Requirements of the JJDP Act:
  - **Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)** - Seeks to ensure that youth who have not committed a **criminal** offense are not held in secure juvenile facilities or in secure adult facilities for any length of time.
  - **Sight and sound separation** - When juveniles are placed in an adult jail or lock-up, sight and sound contact with adults is prohibited under the JJDP Act.
  - **Jail removal** - Juveniles may not be detained for more than 6 hours.
  - Address and reduce **Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)** in the juvenile justice system
- Engages youth/youth voice currently and formerly involved with the juvenile justice system

# Juvenile Justice System Collaboration and Improvement



- Juvenile Delinquency Improvement Program Committee – Oregon Judicial Department
- Juvenile Justice Policy Commission - Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
- Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association
- National - Annie E. Casey Foundation (probation reform); Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative; Coalition for Juvenile Justice; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; etc.

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Overview



All **36 Counties and 9 Tribal Nations** in Oregon create Juvenile Crime Prevention Plans and receive funding to support JCP programming.

JCP programs serve **youth ages 8-17**. Participants come via referrals and are assessed for risk and protective factors in six different domains and provided appropriate services.

**JCP Programs served 1,621 youth in 2021-2023**

1,530 Youth served by Counties | 91 Youth Served by Tribes

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Overview



## JCP Funding and Planning

- Funding is distributed by formula to all counties and Tribes based on youth population, including minimum grants for certain areas.
- JCP funds are focused on preventing youth at imminent risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system from engaging in delinquency and/or continuing to offend.
- JCP funds support improved resilience and protective factors of youth and families.
- JCP is evaluated and data-driven.
- Counties use a common application process and align JCP funding and Basic Services and Diversion funding from the Oregon Youth Authority to support youth.
- JCP prevention plans are developed in collaboration with community partners and approved by local public safety coordinating councils/governing authorities.

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Overview



## JCP Programs

- Use a **validated assessment tool** (JCP Assessment)
- Have **consistent data gathering, expert evaluation** and **case planning**
- **Collaborate with educational programs/partners** to improve educational outcomes
- **Address racial inequalities in the juvenile justice** by collecting data and developing strategies that address and reduce disparities.
- Use the **Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS)** for youth with criminal referrals and **YDO Data Manager** for youth served by community-based programs.
- **Invest in youth at risk of imminent juvenile justice involvement**: this yields fewer victims, keeps youth out of the system, and improves educational outcomes
- Leverages local services and adds capacity to meaningfully treat and **support youth in their community**

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Outcomes



Statewide data are evaluated each biennium to examine change in risk and protective factors and impact on juvenile crime among those served by the JCP program.

*Data from 2024 evaluation of 2021-2023 Juvenile Crime Prevention program evaluation by NPC Research.*

## JCP participants 12 months after program:

### Youth with no prior criminal referrals:

- **91% continued to avoid criminal referrals**
- **98% avoided detention**

### Youth with prior criminal referrals

- **69% had no new criminal referrals**
- **76% avoided detention**

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Outcomes



*Data from 2024  
evaluation of 2021-2023  
Juvenile Crime Prevention  
program evaluation by  
NPC Research*

## JCP participants 36 months after program:

### Youth with no prior criminal referrals:

- **67% continued to avoid criminal referrals**
- **86% avoided detention**

### Youth with prior criminal referrals

- **39% had no new criminal referrals**
- **45% avoided detention**

# Juvenile Crime Prevention Outcomes



*Data from 2024  
evaluation of 2021-  
2023 Juvenile Crime  
Prevention program  
evaluation by NPC  
Research*

## JCP participants show reductions in risk factors and increases in protective factors

**70% of youth with reduced behavior that hurts others**  
**66% reduction in running away**  
**62% reduction in school drop out**  
**57% reduction in aggressive behavior in school**  
**55% reduction in substance use related problems**

**55% gained an adult in their life they can talk to**  
**39% showed significant school attachment**  
**38% communicate effectively with family members**  
**30% have friends who are academic achievers**  
**30% have friends who disapprove unlawful behavior**

# JCP Return on Investment: Reducing system costs



YDD invested approximately **\$2,000** per youth annually in Juvenile Crime Prevention funds during the 2021-2023 biennium.

In contrast, the cost of incarcerating one youth is approximately **\$112,000** per year in Oregon  
(Juvenile Policy Institute, 2020)

# Programming Overview



## JCP Tribal Prevention Programs

All 9 Tribal Nations in Oregon received YDO Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) Funds in the 2023-25 biennium to implement prevention programs serving young people at risk of criminal behavior and preventing criminal behavior. The 2024 evaluation of the 2021-23 Tribal JCP programs found that all the youth assessed as high-risk had a reduction in risk:

- **100% of youth assessed as high-risk had reduced risk at the reassessment**
- **71% of youth assessed as high-risk avoided a criminal referral after JCP services**

Each Tribe develops its own plan and programming. Activities include after-school programs, wellness and prevention camps, community and cultural activities (crafts, language, foodways), youth councils, canoe journeys, and Talking Circles.

## Emerging Practices and Partnerships

JCP funds are used by counties across the state for a wide variety of prevention programs and partnerships:

- Intensive In-Home Therapy
- Comprehensive Family Services
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Restorative Practices
- Early Intervention and Diversion Programs
- Adolescent alcohol and drug education classes
- Outpatient treatment is provided by partnering community counseling services providers

# Program Examples



**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs JCP Prevention Programs** work with Tribal youth assessed as high-risk to engage youth in ways that contribute skill building (communication, leadership, teamwork, how to handle conflict, bullying, and peers who are at risk of suicide) to participate in alternative and cultural activities.

**Marion County Juvenile Department's Family Support Program** allows the Department to intervene with youth prior to adjudication to prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system, as well as to provide families with the skills they need to set healthy boundaries and enforce consequences for their youth's actions at home, and to assist families in finding resources to support their emotional and mental health needs.



# Thank You

## QUESTIONS?

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