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## ***Breaking the Cycle***

***The Data Driven Way to Reduce Adult Homelessness***

## ODHS Youth Experiencing Houselessness Program (YEHP):

- *ODHS Program funds housing and supports for YEH*
- *HB 3079 and a parallel budget request would:*
  - *Increase the number of youth served statewide by YEHP, including by expanding the program into more parts of the state*
  - *Fund workforce development and behavioral health services for youth*

## *OHCS Youth Experiencing Houselessness Assistance Program (YEHA):*

- Prevention program for families with kids, K through grade 12, at risk of houselessness
- Provides services like emergency rental and utility assistance, paying rental application fees
- HB 3079 would expand eligibility to include families with preschool-aged kids
- A parallel budget request would increase this prevention funding from \$5m to \$15m

# *Kids Programs:* A Decade of Disinvestment

2011 - - Local “*Children & Families Commissions*” Eliminated

2009 - 15 - - Budget Cuts to:

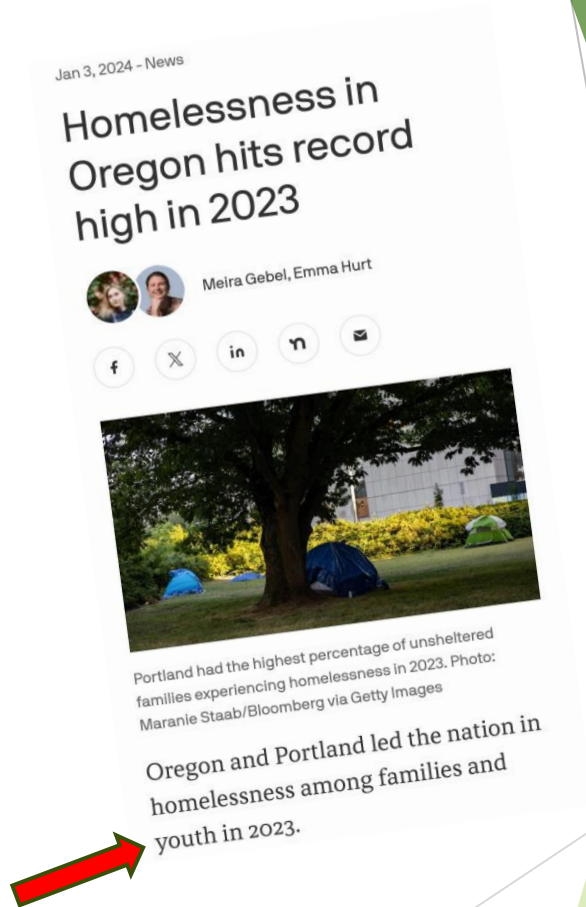
Homeless Youth  
MH / BH Programs  
Foster Care  
Child Welfare

## By 2019:

- ✓ 67% cut in children's residential programs,
- ✓ 90% cut to homeless youth programs,
- ✓ 90%+ cut to substance abuse treatment for children.

## Result:

- ✓ Oregon is now 46<sup>th</sup> in youth mental health
- ✓ 21,000+ homeless adults (who came from...)



# #1 Indicator of Chronic Adult Homelessness is .....



## Math:

400+ aging out of services each year

9 years X 400 = 3,600

42.5% of UH are 25-44

Total UH Ages 25-44\* = 3,549



\* Oregon Point In Time Count, 2023

## OREGON HAS:

4th 

HIGHEST NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH ACROSS THE U.S.<sup>1</sup>

33.6%

INCREASE IN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.<sup>1</sup>

22,072

K - 12 YOUTH EXPERIENCED HOUSELESSNESS IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.<sup>4</sup>





**Independent 2023 Study** *(From This Committee):*

Recommended: \$154 million / biennium

**Missing Altogether:**

Substance Use Treatment Resources

Specific YEH / Youth BH Workforce Programs that work

# Wrap Around Model:

85% Success Rate

## ***Bottom Line:***

We cannot fix or end adult  
homelessness until we fix youth  
homelessness.





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