



Oregon Youth Authority

House Judiciary Committee

May 6, 2025



The background of the slide features a large, faint, circular seal of the Oregon Youth Authority. The seal contains the text "OREGON" at the top and "YOUTH AUTHORITY" at the bottom. In the center is a shield with an eagle, a ship, and a mountain, surrounded by stars.

Professional Standards Office

Aged Cases Action Plan | Internal Controls
External Oversight | Data | (Possible) PREA



POSITIONS

- New Interim Chief Investigator
- Five temp staff covering investigative and administrative duties
- Hiring for vacant permanent position

PROCESS

- All aged cases assigned to a team with a lead
- Regular meetings with ODHS, DAs, and OSP on suspended cases
- All new cases screened promptly and assigned by Chief Investigator

TRACKING

- Renewed efforts to move to an updated database
- Weekly reporting to agency executive team and partners



Regular Control Meetings

- PSO/Director's Office: Daily
- PSO/HR: Weekly
- Director's Office/Governor's Office: Bi-Weekly
- PSO/Governor's Office: Quarterly
- PSO/OSP/DA: Monthly

Staff Management and Oversight

- Completed staff training and retraining
- Reset clear expectations regarding investigations, fidelity to policies, time in the office, and time in facilities and field offices
- Implemented individual coaching and, as necessary, performance plans

Performance Improvement Plan

- Monthly progress meetings with updates logged



Youth and Family Advocate

Started May 1

In Governor's Office

Real-time resources to Youth and Families

Report on future structure and resources May 2026



Partnership Committee Safety Task Force

First monthly meeting May 16

Review of Data & Progress Improvement Plan

Topical discussions of: Reporting, Investigations.

Report on progress and needs November 2025

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Updated Weekly

Overview of PSO Cases by Status

Case Reported Year	Open		Suspended		Cases Pending Final Closure by Chief Investigator		Closed by Both Investigator and Chief	
	Recent	Aged	Recent	Aged	Recent	Aged	Recent	Aged
2025	62	0	25	0	16	0	156	0
2024	38	180	11	25	22	347	42	89
2023	0	48	0	17	0	417	0	33
2022	0	51	0	33	0	431	0	67
2021	0	46	0	31	0	484	0	41
2020	0	38	0	18	0	452	0	96
2019	0	9	0	5	0	469	0	153
2018	0	1	0	0	0	558	0	410
All Years	100	373	36	129	38	3,158	198	889

**Total
Aged:
502**

Source: AIM case management database; adapted by OYA Research & Evaluation Team (May 1, 2025).

Level 2 - Limited

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Updated
Weekly

Overview of PSO Cases by Type

Case Reported Year	Facilities Complaint		Residential Complaint		Investigation	
	Recent	Aged	Recent	Aged	Recent	Aged
2025	25	0	5	0	56	0
2024	19	80	8	17	130	108
2023	0	24	0	11	30	30
2022	0	22	0	25	37	37
2021	0	27	0	24	26	26
2020	0	16	0	22	18	18
2019	0	6	0	2	6	6
2018	0	1	0	0	0	0
All Years	45	176	13	101	303	225

Total Aged:
502

PSO Cases Suspended to Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Human Services

Case Reported Year	OSP		ODHS	
	Recent	Aged	Recent	Aged
2025	20	0	7	0
2024	8	17	3	6
2023	0	3	0	7
2022	0	7	0	9
2021	0	12	0	11
2020	0	3	0	7
2019	0	4	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0
All Years	28	46	10	40

Source: AIM case management database; adapted by OYA Research & Evaluation Team (May 1, 2025).

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Type of Allegation

Count of Aged PSO Cases by Allegation Type

Allegation Type	Open (aged)	Suspended (aged)	Totals
1 - Staff on youth sexual abuse, harassment, or other boundary violation (inappropriate interactions by staff toward youth)	44	20	107
2 - Staff on youth physical abuse or other non-sexual alleged criminal act	24	7	
3 - Staff on youth racism or discrimination	12	0	
4 - Youth on youth sexual abuse, harassment, or other boundary violation (inappropriate interactions by youth toward another youth)	96	30	216
5 - Youth on staff assaults	5	6	
6 - Youth on youth other crimes	59	20	
7 - All other cases	133	46	179
All Aged PSO Cases	373	129	502

Total Aged: 502



Our PREA coordinator operates independently of our Professional Standards Office.

Potential PREA concerns are processed simultaneously & separately as PSO cases and PREA reviews.

To fulfill the federal requirements, PREA reviews may take longer to close.

Prison Rape Elimination Act



Audit Cycle



Tillamook
Camp Tillamook
Camp Florence

Oak Creek
JWTP
MacLaren

2024

2023

2025

Eastern Oregon
Riverbend
Rogue Valley

Prison Rape Elimination Act



Data

PREA reviews in Aged PSO cases May 1, 2025			
Year	Youth-to-Youth	Staff-to-Youth	TOTAL
2025	0	0	0
2024	24	7	31
2023	12	0	12
2022	12	2	14
2021	3	2	5
2020	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0
TOTAL	51	11	62