

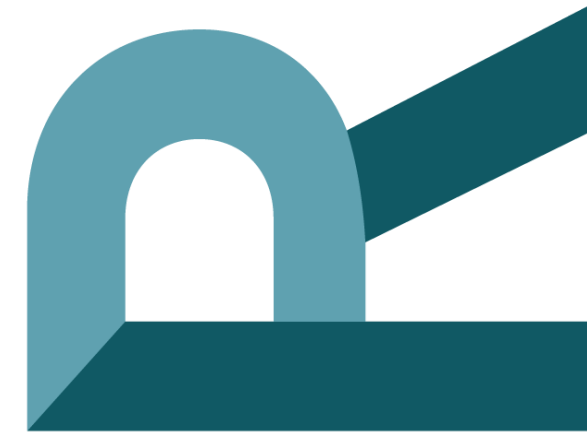
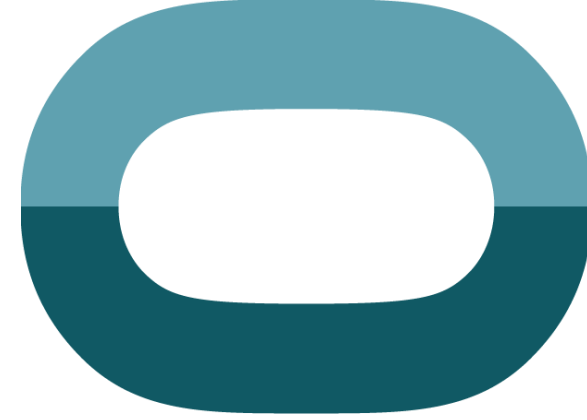


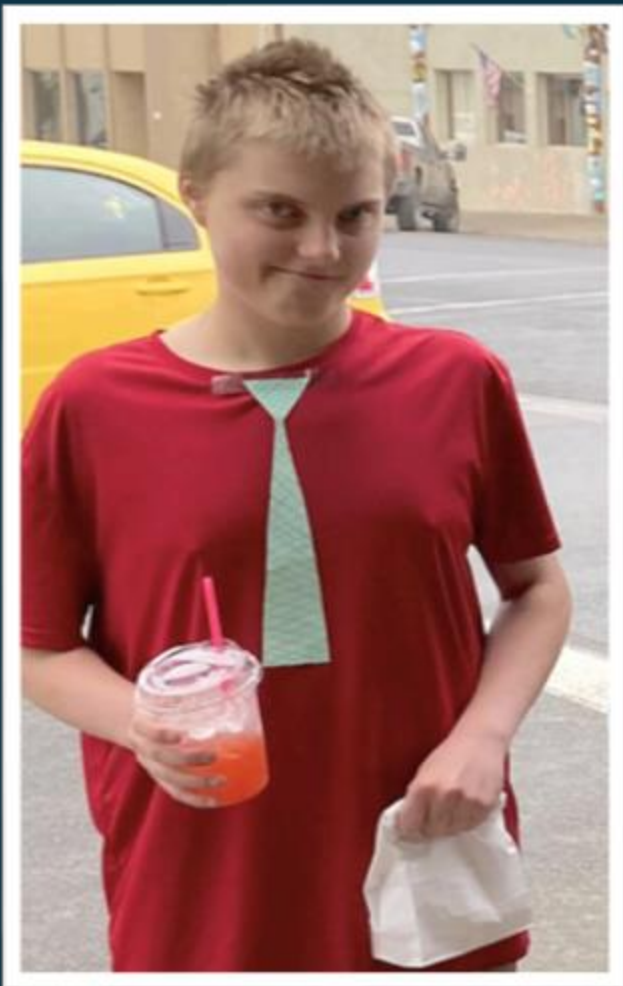
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# Believe Abused Kids Oppose HB 3835A

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## **10 children on Oregon child welfare agency's radar have died so far this year**

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Thomas Strong, wearing a signature paper tie, is pictured on a trip to get snacks with some of his classmates. Strong, a Lakeview High School junior with special needs, died in February. Prosecutors have charged his mother and her boyfriend in connection to his death. Courtesy of DeNae Bauer

“... the Secretary of State's scathing audit took aim at every aspect of a critical agency responsible for the safety of neglected and abused children”



Audit Finds Wealth Of Problems With Oregon's  
Child Welfare Office



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## **‘No real intervention’: Oregon child welfare agency slammed for failure to protect kids with special needs**

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Jacob Doriety, 17, left, died while in state care. He had entered Oregon's foster care system as a baby, was shuffled among more than 50 foster homes and other facilities and struggled with a lifetime of unaddressed psychological trauma, according to the state's review and his family's attorney. Joshua James McCoy, a 5-year-old with autism, wandered away from his Coos County home while his mother was asleep and died of exposure last fall. The two were among a half-dozen children with special needs whose deaths last year were reviewed by the Oregon Department of Human Services. Photo (right) courtesy Amos McCoy The Oregonian



Advocacy group alleges Oregon hid details of foster care child's death

“Oregon officials blamed other people publicly rather than contemplating its own role: from Jacob for not consenting to treatment, to his attorney, the courts and law enforcement.”

“... children enduring hunger, bed bites, vulgar nicknames such as “orphan whore” and punishment that involved silently facing a wall for 12 hours a day.”



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Foster care scandal deepens: 'Every single staff person has a criminal record'

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“At one facility where Oregon children were sent, a child from another state was restrained for so long that he died ... stories of mistreatment were widespread”



Oregon lawmakers consider sending kids in foster care out of state, again. Only this time, with less transparency



By **Lauren Dake** (OPB)

March 24, 2025 6 a.m.



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*Sold for Sex*

**Oregon teen repeatedly sex trafficked. How the foster system failed her**

“While many girls her age were learning to drive, she was struggling to survive – even though she was under the legal protection of the state of Oregon as a foster child.”



# Oregon Capital Chronicle

**Oregon DHS needs to stop playing whack-a-mole with vulnerable children**

“... the “solution” to one crisis begets another, while everyone ignores the issue at the root of it all.”

# the **Lund Report**



**Independent Report Calls for  
Massive Child Welfare Overhaul,  
Increased Spending**

“... failed to take corrective action to better supervise youth after a male teenage resident had sex with two of the girls and another youth climbed on the roof of the building.”



## Oregon's DHS Director Didn't See Major Child Abuse Report Until A Lawmaker Sent It

By [Conrad Wilson](#) (OPB)

Portland, Oregon March 30, 2017 3:15 p.m.

In one Oregon home, rats were coming through a rotten floor to bite children, while another kid, in need of a physician, threw their urine soaked clothing on the floor.

“In all these instances, child protective service caseworkers at the Oregon Department of Human Services were responding to reports of child abuse and either deemed the children were safe or failed to fully diagnose the dangers in the home.”



Rain Parrish, 22, a former foster youth, spoke Thursday at a federal hearing about Oregon's plans to reform its foster system. She brought her stuffed animal Usagi, which means "rabbit" in Japanese, to the hearing. Sami Edge



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**Former Oregon foster youth share harrowing stories in settlement hearing**

“... the foster system had shipped them to facilities hundreds of miles from their homes, ripped them from their siblings and ignored or overlooked abuse happening in the homes and facilities where they were housed.”

# Oregon Capital Chronicle

## **DHS offers record \$40 million to settle lawsuit from abused foster children**

The plaintiffs have accepted the offer, which is the agency's largest award in Oregon history to settle a foster care lawsuit

“The agency disregarded numerous reports and concerns about the [2-year-old] child, including calls to the child abuse hotline ... The older child, a 5-year-old girl, also showed signs of sexual abuse, which were ignored.”



A breakdown of sexual abuse allegations,  
arrests and investigations at St. Helens School  
District

“St. Helens district Superintendent Scot Stockwell, among other top officials, had received information and heard rumors about Wroblewski’s behavior as early as 2017. It also noted that Wroblewski’s mistreatment of children may have started as early as 2005.”



“... Oregon child welfare leaders signed a court settlement promising to stop housing vulnerable foster children in hotels.”



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Oregon sends hundreds of foster kids to former jails, institutions, not families

“... children being sent to cinderblock facilities are often the most traumatized.”



## Oregon DHS Director Of Child Welfare Resigns

By Laura Klinkner (OPB)

Portland, OR May 19, 2017 2:07 p.m.

“... an internal report from DHS found major issues with the way the state investigates allegations of child abuse.”



Oregon Sending Foster Children To Facilities  
Accused Of Abuse

“records showed that over a third of the twenty-six staff who had participated in restraining ... youth had convictions for criminal driving offenses or illegal use of alcohol and controlled substances.”

“... frequent use of physical restraints techniques, or as the students described ... 'they just drop you.'”

“... state licensed private foster care agency called, Give Us This Day ... She spent the money that was intended to support foster care services, children and families.”



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Former head of foster care agency accused of embezzling agency money for luxury purchases, trips

“... two children who were sexually abused while in foster care after caseworkers placed a teenage boy with a documented history of sexual misconduct into the home.”



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## **Oregon to pay \$3M in ‘egregious’ foster care abuse case**

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Former Oregon Youth Authority top doctor  
accused of widespread sexual abuse of boys in  
custody

“The abuse was allegedly  
so widespread the  
doctor had a well-known  
nickname: ‘Dr. Cold  
Fingers.’

... A spokesman for the  
Oregon Youth Authority  
declined to comment.”





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## **Editorial: Latest child welfare debacle demands true reform**

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“Where to start with the Oregon Department of Human Services? The agency responsible for child welfare lands in court and in the news on a tragically routine basis over its care for abused children.”



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Oregon's children and teens need  
stronger protections—not weaker.

**Thank you for  
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