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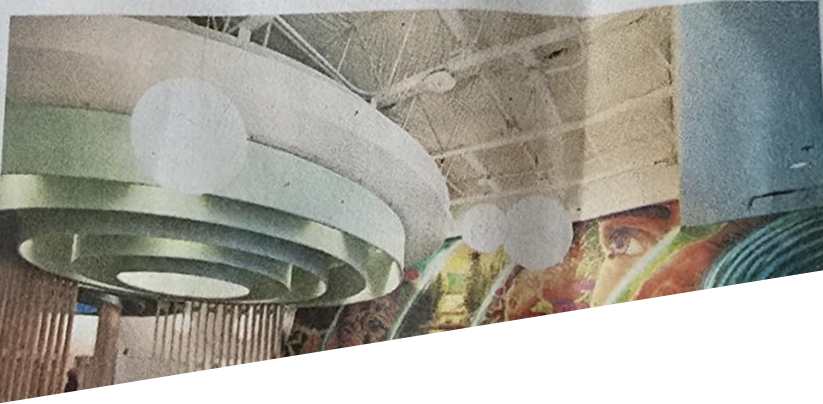
Breaking the Cycle

The Data Driven Way to Reduce Adult Homelessness

The Oregonian

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Homelessness continues to rise, even as services also increase



WHY?

A Decade of Disinvestment in Kids

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 46th in youth mental health
- ✓ 21,000+ homeless adults (who came from...)



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Homelessness in Oregon hits record high in 2023



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Portland had the highest percentage of unsheltered families experiencing homelessness in 2023. Photo: Maranie Staab/Bloomberg via Getty Images

Oregon and Portland led the nation in homelessness among families and youth in 2023.

#1 Indicator of Chronic Adult Homelessness is



Legislative Action:

2021 - - \$2.0 million

2022 - - \$4.5 million

2023 - - **\$25.1** million (DHS +
Housing)

2025 - - Governor = \$20.4 GRB

IMPROVEMENT



OREGON

7th

HIGHEST NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH IN THE U.S.¹

2nd

HIGHEST RATE IN THE U.S. OF YOUTH WHO ARE UNACCOMPANIED AND UNSHELTERED

22,072

K -12 YOUTH EXPERIENCED HOUSELESSNESS IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.⁴

PERCENT OF INCREASED RISK OF EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS.⁵

Youth Without a High School Diploma	346%
Black Youth	83%
Hispanic Youth	32%
LGBT+ Youth	120%



Independent 2023 Study (From This Committee):

Recommended: \$154 million / biennium

Missing Altogether:

Substance Use Treatment Resources

Specific YEH / Youth BH Workforce Programs that work

BUDGET REQUESTS: ODHS YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM

GRB POP 502, \$19.7m: Maintains housing and other supports in 26 counties

Budget Request, \$10m: Expands YEHP funding to reach underserved communities

\$29.7m

HB 3970: CREATING A MORE COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF CARE

STRENGTHEN THE YEH WORKFORCE

Meets YEH workforce needs by hiring and training adults with lived experience who are best able to relate to and support other youth

\$1.25m

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Provides access to behavioral and mental health services
- Provides access to substance use disorder support

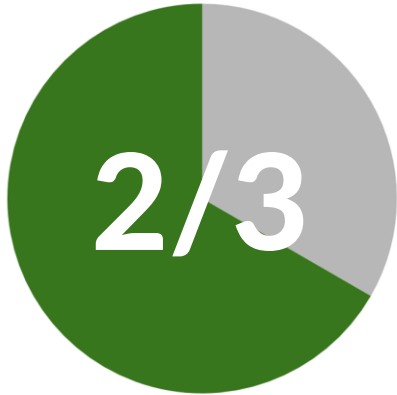
\$2.75m

EXPAND EXISTING OHCS FAMILY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

- Expands funding for the OHCS YEHA Program from \$5m to \$7.5m
- Prevents houseless through emergency rent assistance, security deposit assistance, application fees and other services
- Expands YEHA eligibility so that families with children under the age of 5 can benefit from assistance

\$7.5m

What Do We Know?



2/3 of youth who are homeless for as little as **3 months** go on to become homeless as adults.



Balance Due
\$2+ million

What Actually Works?

YEHP!

- ✓ 85% Success Rate
- ✓ 94% Graduation Rate

Bottom Line:

We cannot reduce

ADULT

homelessness until we fix

YOUTH homelessness





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