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## **Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association**

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## The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) urges you to support House Bill 2013.

Behavioral health treatment is an essential element for a young person's success. Licensed outpatient facilities are a critical resource for justice involved youth and their families. Licensed outpatient facilities with certified alcohol and drug counselors deserve to be covered by insurance.

- Oregon youth are facing substance use disorder and mental health crises in record numbers. Many youths are justice involved.
- Outpatient facilities provide valuable, cost-effective treatment and assist with family reunification and stable housing plans for youth.
- Oregon needs more outpatient treatment options for youth. The lack of insurance coverage inhibits growth in programs.

Keep housed youth housed. Support HB 2013 to provide assistance to youth who need mental health and substance use disorder treatment without disruption to family support or stable housing.

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