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Breaking the Cycle

The Data Driven Way to Reduce Adult Homelessness

Kids Programs: A Decade of Disinvestment

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

2009 - 15 - - Budget Cuts to:

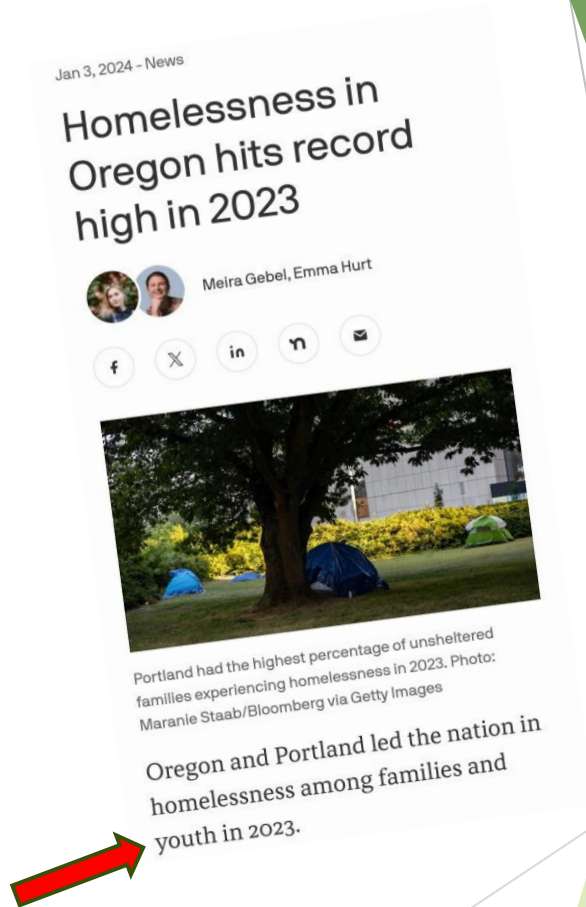
Homeless Youth
MH / BH Programs
Foster Care
Child Welfare

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 46th 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.¹

33.6%

INCREASE IN
UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS.¹

22,072

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



Legislative Action:

2021 - - \$2.0 million invested

2022 - - \$4.5 million invested

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

2025 - - Governor = \$20.5 GRB

Independent 2023 Study *(From This Committee):*

Recommended: \$154 million / biennium

Missing Altogether:

Substance Use Treatment Resources

Specific YEH / Youth BH Workforce Programs that work

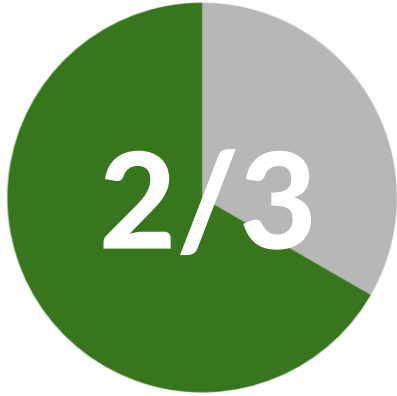
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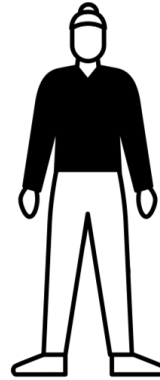
Rep. Emerson Levy, Senators Deb Patterson, Lisa Reynolds

- ✓ \$30 million = Support Existing Programs & Expand (as recommended by study)
- ✓ \$11 million = Crisis Emergency Sustainability (preserve existing capacity)
- ✓ \$13 million = Fill GAP SUD Treatment
- ✓ \$3.5 million = Fill GAP Youth BH Workforce In-House Training
- ✓ NET OVER GOV Request = \$34.7 million (1/40th amount spent on adult system)

What Do We Know?



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



The cost of one adult trapped in homelessness is
\$3.2-\$5 million

Data shows that for every **\$5 million** of investment, we can serve over **700** RHY youth, so....

If just **50%** of those youth for a three-year period avoided homelessness as adults, the state could save **\$3.2 billion** over the next **20-30** years.

Wrap Around Model:

85% Success Rate

Bottom Line:

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





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