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Breaking the Cycle

The Data Driven Way to Reduce Adult Homelessness

ODHS Youth Experiencing Houselessness Program (YEHP):

- *ODHS Program funds housing and supports for YEH*
- *HB 3079 and a parallel budget request would:*
 - *Increase the number of youth served statewide by YEHP, including by expanding the program into more parts of the state*
 - *Fund workforce development and behavioral health services for youth*

OHCS Youth Experiencing Houselessness Assistance Program (YEHA):

- Prevention program for families with kids, K through grade 12, at risk of houselessness
- Provides services like emergency rental and utility assistance, paying rental application fees
- HB 3079 would expand eligibility to include families with preschool-aged kids
- A parallel budget request would increase this prevention funding from \$5m to \$15m

Kids Programs: A Decade of Disinvestment

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

2009 - 15 - - Budget Cuts to:

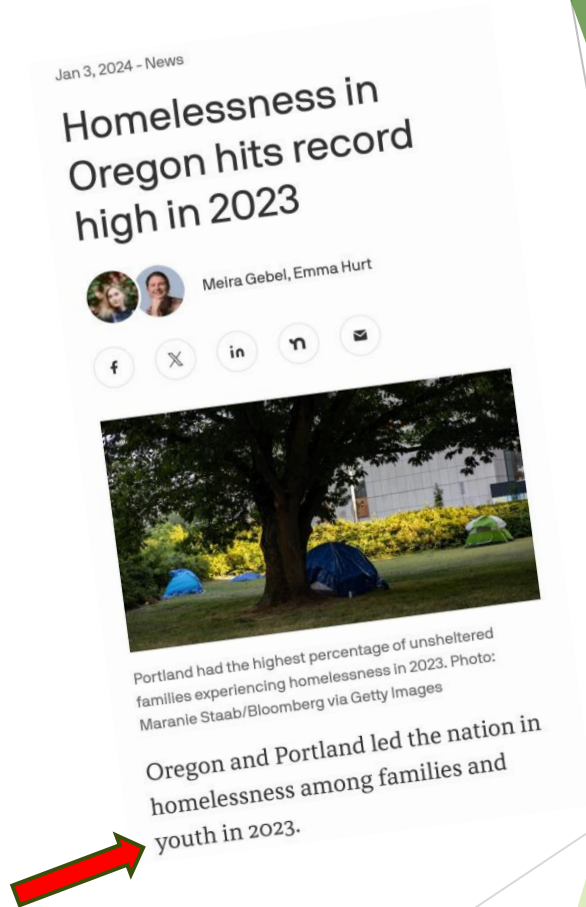
Homeless Youth
MH / BH Programs
Foster Care
Child Welfare

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



Independent 2023 Study *(From This Committee):*

Recommended: \$154 million / biennium

Missing Altogether:

Substance Use Treatment Resources

Specific YEH / Youth BH Workforce Programs that work

Wrap Around Model:

85% Success Rate

Bottom Line:

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





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