



## SUPPORT ILP SERVICES



### SB 911

The bill would require ODHS to adopt an ILP rate methodology that more closely aligns with true costs.



### \$10m Investment

A \$10m one-time investment will stabilize the ILP system until the new rate methodology can be developed and implemented.

## Please support SB 911 and \$10m for ILP Services for Foster Care Children

Oregon's Independent Living Program (ILP) provides foster care children with vital supports as they transition into adulthood.

These are wide ranging services, but primarily include support securing stable housing, finding and keeping a job and staying engaged in their education goals.

ILP services are critically underfunded causing an unstable system. Both immediate state investments and clear rate methodology are needed to ensure these youth have access to these critical services.

### What does ILP provide to foster care children?

- ILP workers help kids apply to jobs, apply to college and for financial aid
- Help secure housing, navigate housing support programs
- Help kids find and engage in career training and education programs
- Provide general life skills often taught by a parent or guardian (budgeting, self care/safety, etc)
- Provide general case management for behavioral health and physical health needs

# What happens if ILP services don't receive this support?

- 1 in 5 kids will become homeless the moment they age out of foster care
- Half of youth will struggle with substance abuse
- Young men aging out of foster care have a 50-60% chance of being incarcerated
- Less than half will have meaningful employment by the age of 24
- And their likelihood of earning a college degree is just 3%
- According to Oregon's department of Education, less than 50% of foster youth graduate high school - the lowest rate of all subgroups being tracked. (ODE).

National Foster Youth Institute. (2017, May 25). 51 Useful Aging Out of Foster Care Statistics | Social Race Media. <https://nfyi.org/51-useful-aging-out-of-foster-care-statistics-social-race-media/>

