



Looking Glass
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Regional Crisis Center West

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ATTN: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety

Chairs Broadman, Evans, and committee members, I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA's) budget request.

Looking Glass Community Services has successfully partnered with the OYA for over 25 years. I have experienced 18 years of that relationship as Looking Glass' Chief Operations Officer and now, President and CEO.

Up until fiscal year 2024/2025, Looking Glass supported OYA youth through the provision of Behavioral Rehabilitation Services. In recent years a trend began to develop in how youth were presenting in our residential programs. The mental health support that many of the youth began to require far exceeded the traditional need levels of the past. Mental health diagnosis and the dangerous behaviors that often accompany those diagnosis became more common.

It became clear that there are many youth in custody of the OYA that would benefit from a therapeutic treatment setting rather than a behavioral program. In response, the OYA and Looking Glass formed a new relationship that is already demonstrating positive results. Today our partnership with the OYA is through the provision of psychiatric residential treatment services (PRTS) and our program has been at full capacity since opening its doors in January 2025. The program is entirely treatment focused and maintains a clinical team equipped to support OYA youth that before, could not succeed in behavioral programming.

I am aware of 3 priorities within the OYA budget request, and I support each of them:

1. JJIS Modernization Project – We are daily JJIS users and depend on the system's efficiencies and data-informed decision-making.
2. MacLaren infirmary (health clinic) – Youth with proper medical attention while at MacLaren ensures their readiness for treatment work when entering our care. Renovations for the health clinic will support this need.
3. 10-year plan – With the increase in youth acuity levels, the OYA has responded creatively on a smaller scale due to limited resources. Funding for OYA's assessment process and future needs identified in their 10-year plan will be critical step towards improving youth outcomes moving forward.

Sincerely,

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