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**The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) urges you to support Senate Bill 814 A.**

Housing is a critical and essential element for a young person's success.

- County juvenile departments often work with youth past the age of 18.
- Youth can be on county probation up to the age of 23.
- County juvenile departments work with many houseless youth.
- Some counties operate a Behavioral Rehabilitative Services (BRS) program and having the ability to access rental assistance will help youth transition into adulthood.
- Safe housing is a basic need to maintain stability for youth.
- Many youth involved with county juvenile departments have history with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Child Welfare and have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care or other residential type programs.

Expanding the qualifying populations for rental assistance will have a significant positive impact on these young adults. Many of the youth involved with county juvenile departments have been exposed and subjected to significant traumas. Unstable housing has also been a significant factor for youth involved with county juvenile departments, making it difficult to complete their education or gain employment if they are of the appropriate age.

**Support SB 814 A to provide assistance to youth who are ready to take the next steps towards adulthood and help reduce one of the many significant barriers they have to overcome.**

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