



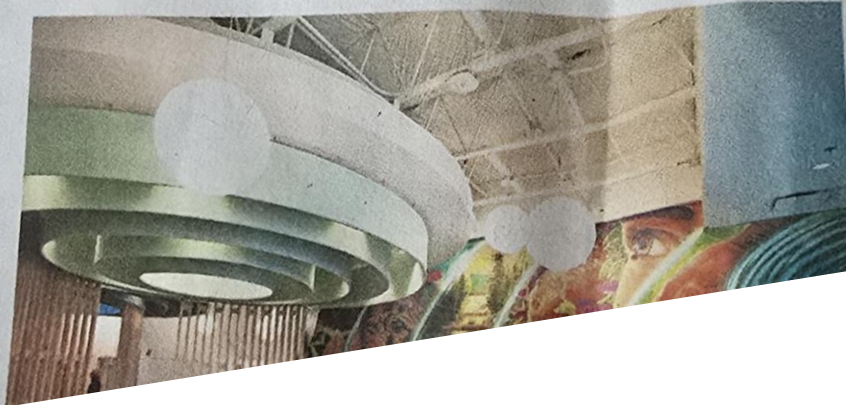
Breaking the Cycle

The Data Driven Way to Reduce Adult Homelessness

The Oregonian

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

**Homelessness continues to rise,
even as services also increase**



WHY?

A Decade of Disinvestment in Kids

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...)



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Homelessness in Oregon hits record high in 2023



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Portland had the highest percentage of unsheltered families experiencing homelessness in 2023. Photo: Maranle Staab/Bloomberg via Getty Images

Oregon and Portland led the nation in homelessness among families and youth in 2023.

#1 Indicator of Chronic Adult Homelessness is



Math:

400+ youth aging out of services each year

9 years X 400 = 3,600

42.5% of Homeless Adults are 25-44

Total Homeless Ages 25-44* = 3,549



** Oregon Point In Time Count, 2023*

OREGON

Rank	Statistic
7th	HIGHEST NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH IN THE U.S. ¹
2nd	HIGHEST RATE IN THE U.S. OF YOUTH WHO ARE UNACCOMPANIED AND UNSHELTERED
22,072	K -12 YOUTH EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. ⁴

Youth Without a High School Diploma	346%
Black Youth	83%
Hispanic Youth	32%
LGBT+ Youth	120%



Legislative Action:

2021 - - \$2.0 million

2022 - - \$4.5 million

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

2025 - - Governor = \$20.4 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

BUDGET REQUESTS: ODHS YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM

GRB POP 502, \$19.7m: Maintains housing and other supports in 26 counties

Budget Request, \$10m: Expands YEHP funding to reach underserved communities

\$29.7m

HB 3970: CREATING A MORE COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF CARE

STRENGTHEN THE YEH WORKFORCE

Meets YEH workforce needs by hiring and training adults with lived experience who are best able to relate to and support other youth

\$1.25m

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Provides access to behavioral and mental health services
- Provides access to substance use disorder support

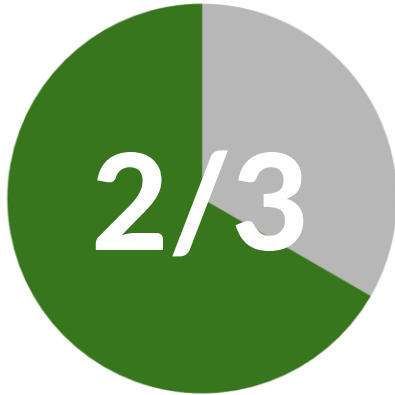
\$2.75m

EXPAND EXISTING OHCS FAMILY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

- Expands funding for the OHCS YEHA Program from \$5m to \$7.5m
- Prevents houseless through emergency rent assistance, security deposit assistance, application fees and other services
- Expands YEHA eligibility so that families with children under the age of 5 can benefit from assistance

\$7.5m

What Do We Know?



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



**Balance
Due**
**\$2+
million**

What Actually Works?

YEHP!

- ✓ 85% Success Rate
- ✓ 94% Graduation Rate

Bottom Line:



We cannot fix or end
ADULT
homelessness until we fix
YOUTH homelessness



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