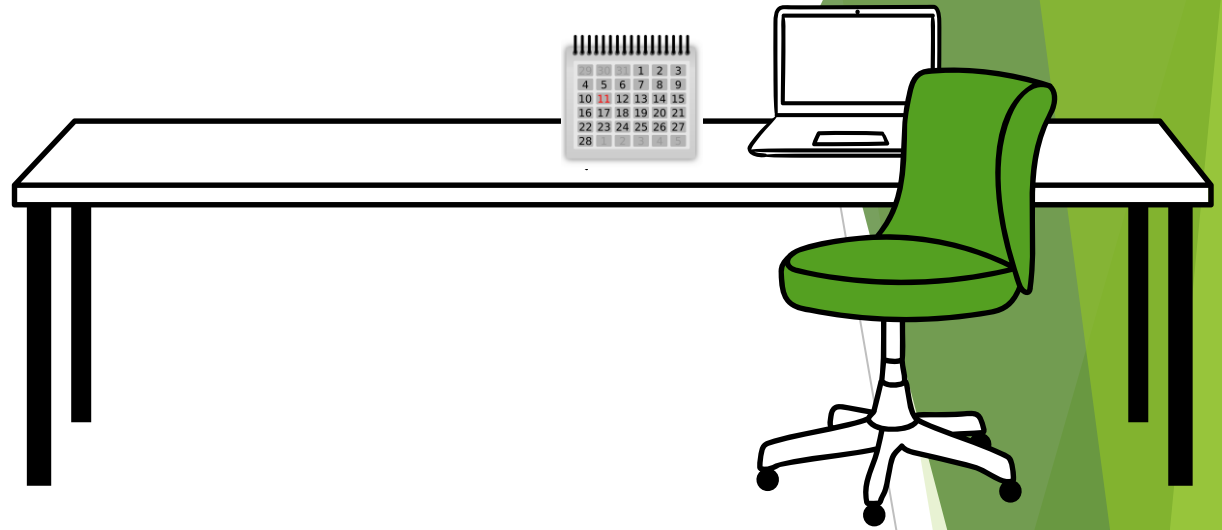


Hope for Safe Spaces for Youth In Oregon

HB4059





Past Challenges:

“Give Us This Day”

“Sequel”

“Michigan”

“Tennessee”

Unforgivable / Unacceptable

Problem:

*Well meaning
responses had
unintended
consequences:*



Facts:

Punitive regulations (small things
by statute must be investigated as
either “abuse” or “neglect”)

You may not protect staff, other
youth from aggressive behavior

Dr. Jetmalani: *“Fear and terror”
among workers”*

Fact

Decline of Available Safe Places for Kids 2014 - 2025



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUTH

These Programs Have Been Hit Hardest / and Closed:



Culturally specific programs

LGBTQ+

Girls' programs

Latinx

Black youth

Regional diversity

Outdoor

Small & especially rural programs

Doing nothing is
not an option.

Listen to the
Youth:



“The part of us
that is angry is the
part that says that
systems need to
be better...”

“I would like to
see a dramatic
system change in
our lifetime...”

Facts:

There is only 1 program (with 2 locations, 1 child and 1 adolescent) for aggressive youth.

Acuity is on the rise

OHA estimated approximately 130 spots needed each year



Reality:

No Where to Go

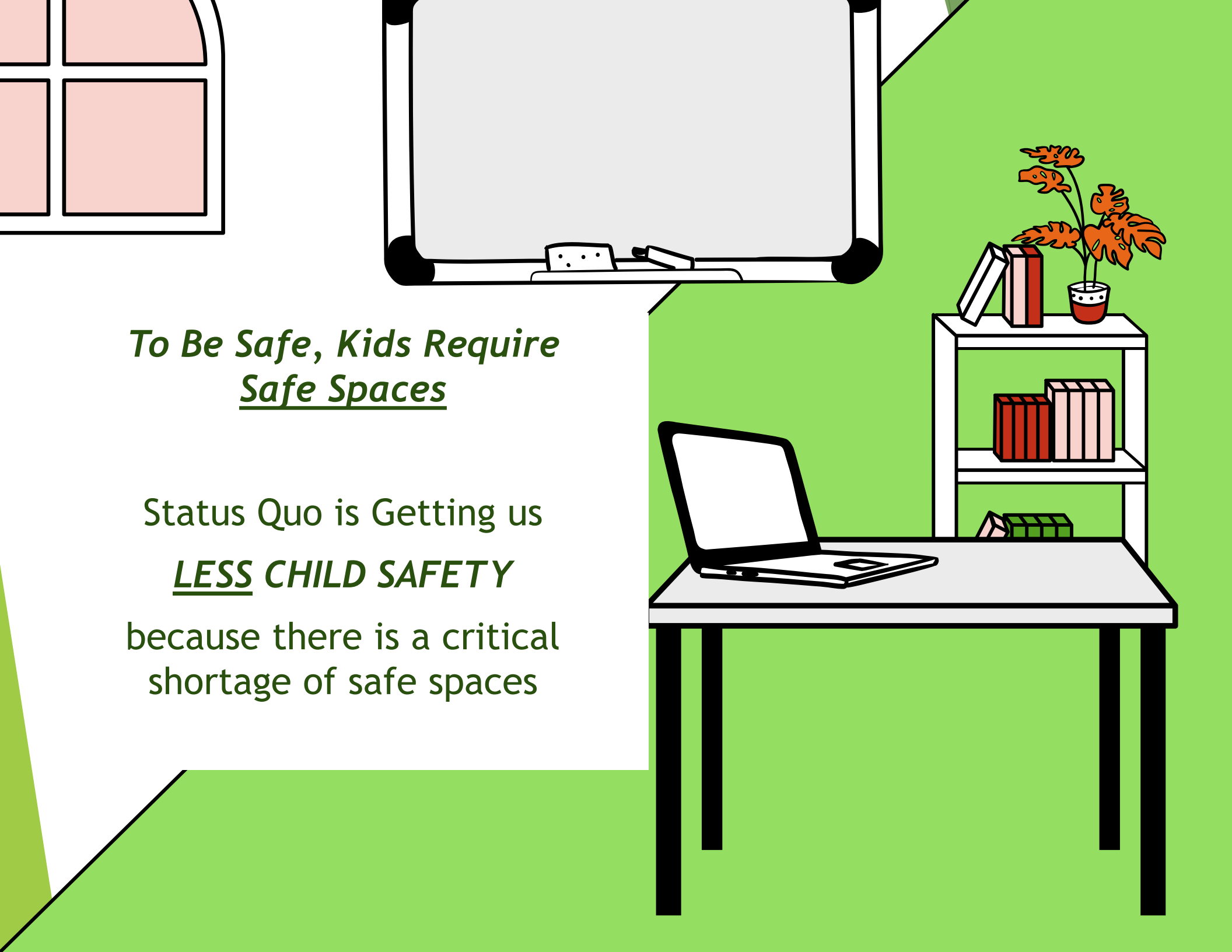
Example: 24 and 55

An illustration of two young people, a woman and a man, standing in an office-like environment. The woman is on the left, wearing a black polka-dot top and a green skirt. The man is on the right, wearing a green tank top under a white cardigan and black pants. In the background, there is a desk with a laptop, a green office chair, and a calendar on the wall. The entire scene is framed by large, diagonal green geometric shapes.

Where Are These Youth:

- ✓ Emergency Rooms
- ✓ Hotels with 2-3 full time DHS caseworkers
- ✓ On the streets / homeless / incarceration
- ✓ In wrong level of care (pressuring foster system)

"I wasn't safer when they rejected me. I was homeless, on the street..."

A stylized illustration of a child's room. In the top left, there is a window with four pink panes. In the top center, a whiteboard on a stand has a piece of paper and a marker on it. To the right, a green wall is visible. In the foreground, a white desk with black legs holds an open laptop. Behind the desk, a white bookshelf with three shelves holds several books and a small potted plant with orange leaves. The floor is green.

*To Be Safe, Kids Require
Safe Spaces*

Status Quo is Getting us

LESS CHILD SAFETY

because there is a critical
shortage of safe spaces

A cartoon illustration of a woman with long black hair and a green shirt, holding a large white sign. She is standing in a classroom. In the background, there is a whiteboard with the letters A, B, C, and D. To the right, there is a desk with a laptop, a bookshelf with books, and a potted plant. The floor is green.

Two Choices:

1) Status quo

OR

2) Change Course & Rebuild
Options for Children through Teams
of Caring Adults / Safe Spaces