



Oregon Youth Authority

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Mission and Vision

- **Mission:** To protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.
- **Vision:** That youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.



Oregon's Juvenile Justice System (to scale)



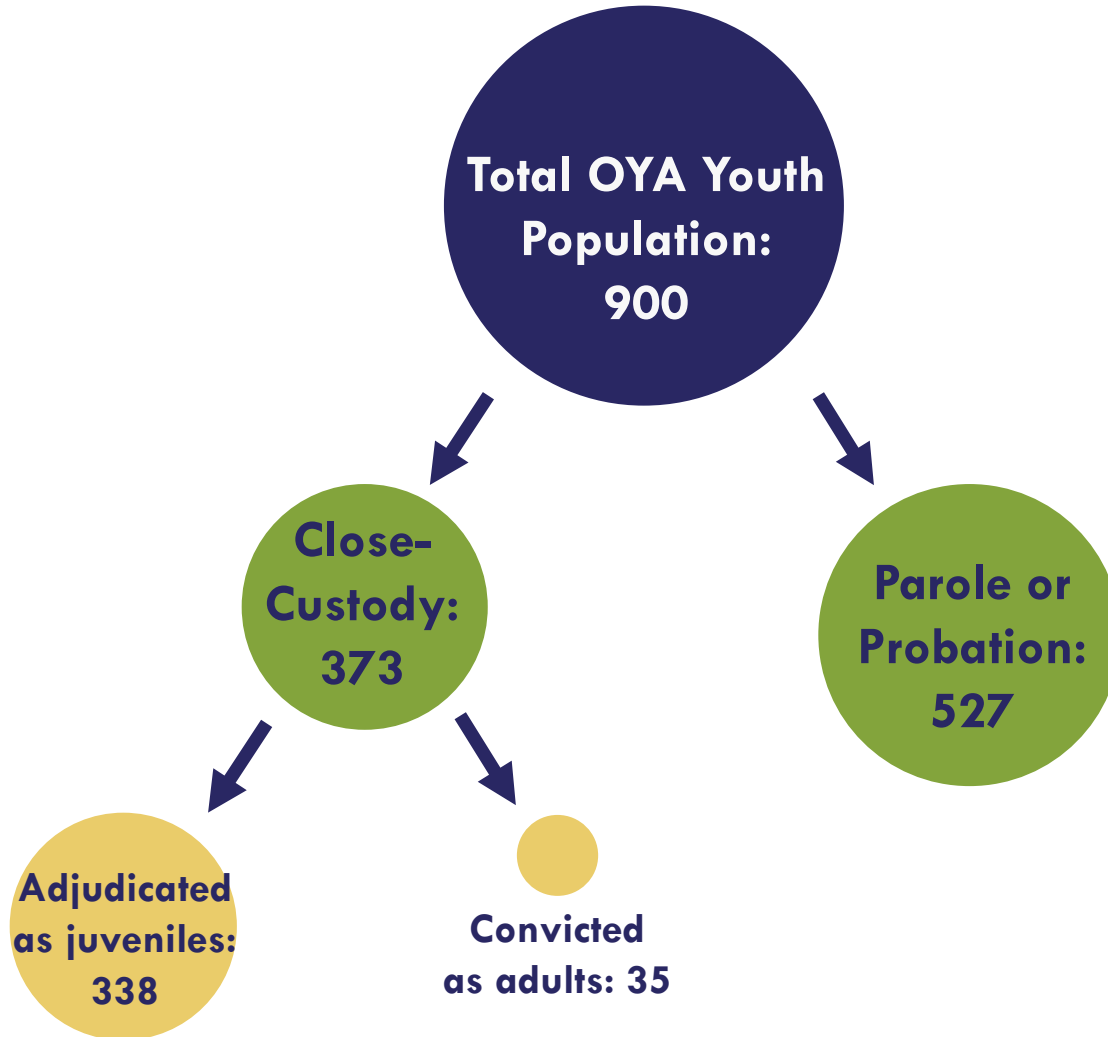
299,454
youth ages
12-17 in
Oregon

2,157 youth
on county
supervision

527 youth
on OYA
parole and
probation

373 youth in
OYA close
custody

Youth Served by OYA

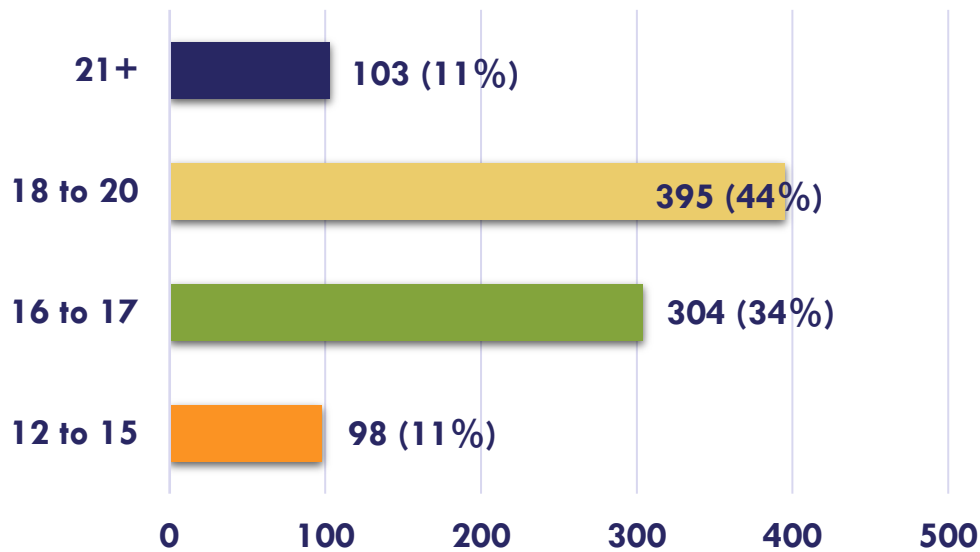


Source: OYA Quick Facts, July 2024

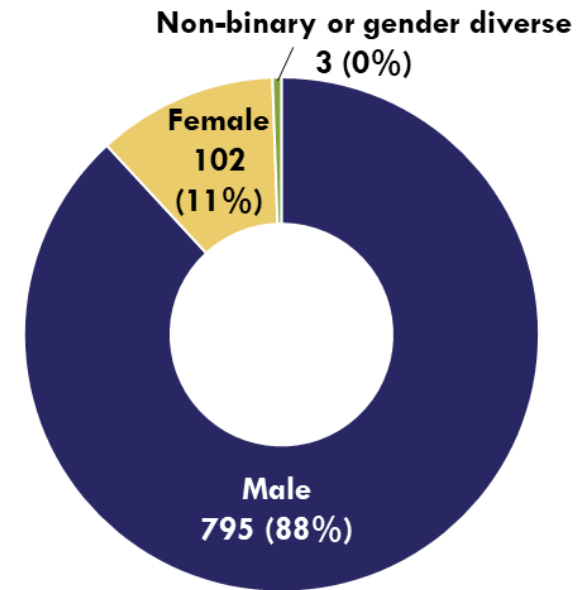
Youth Demographics



Age



Gender

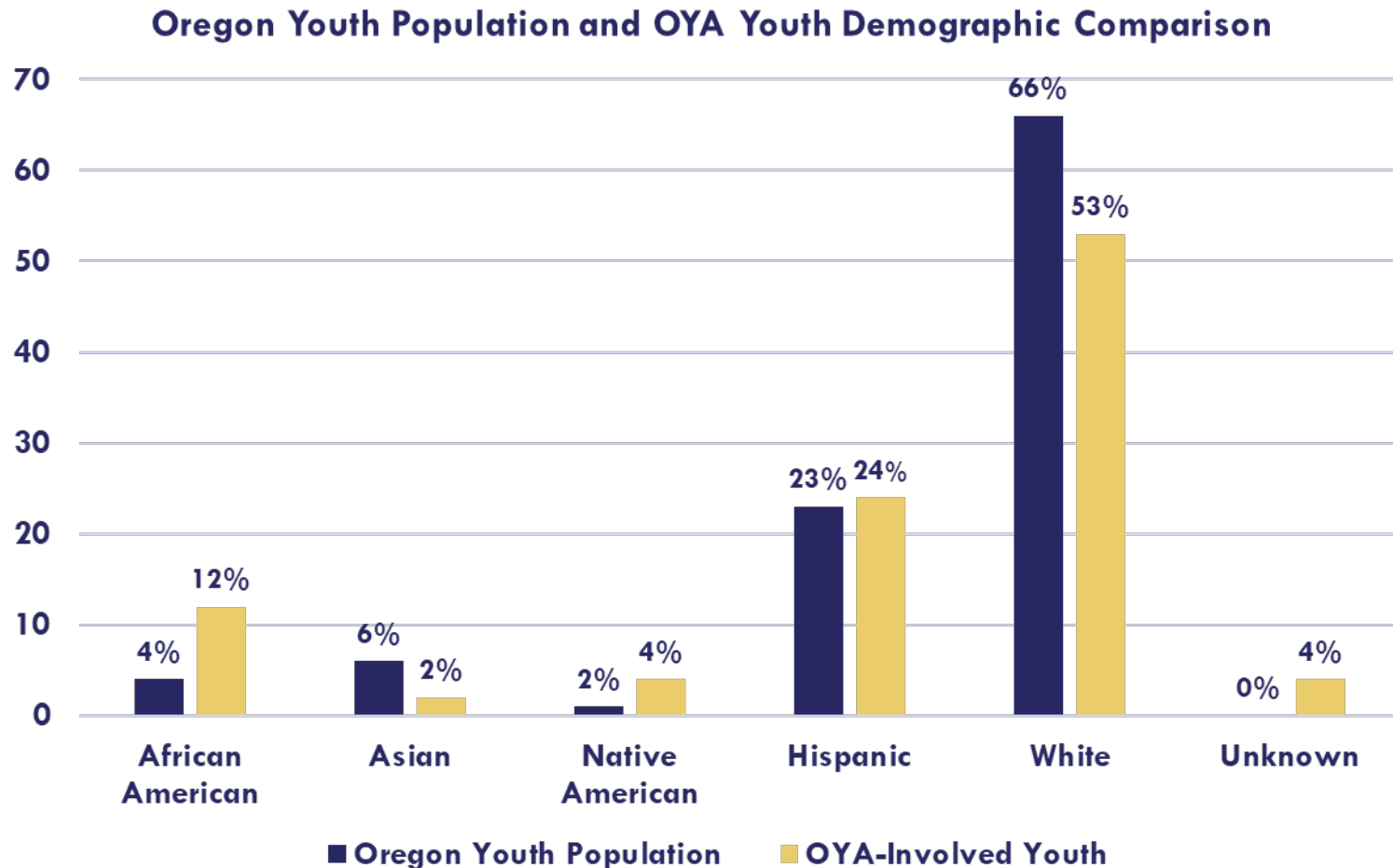


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Racial Disparities



Youth of color are over-represented at every point of the juvenile justice system.



Youth Served by OYA

Social Characteristics



	Male	Female
Substance abuse or dependence	56%	66%
Parent used alcohol or drugs	64%	75%
Diagnosed mental health disorder(s)	67%	91%
Diagnosed conduct disorder	31%	32%
History of abuse or neglect	54%	77%
Special education needs	33%	25%
Past suicide behavior	13%	25%
Youth is a parent	9%	8%

Source: OYA Quick Facts July 2024

Brain Development



- Young people have immense capacity for change and growth.
- We intentionally create environments that are suited for healthy development to work on growth, recovery, and accountability.



Our Approach

Positive Human Development (PHD)




PHD provides:

- Supportive relationships
- Meaningful participation
- Opportunities



To help:

- Encourage accountability
- Support growth
- Increase engagement
- Facilitate learning



Equity Lens

- Youth of color are over-represented in the justice system
- Center racial disparities in decision-making
- Overall focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Use data to identify disparities
- Expand culturally responsive services to better support youth of color

Healthy Youth Development

- Evidence-based: youth who demonstrate higher levels of psychosocial maturity are less likely to engage in future criminal activity
- **Markers of psychosocial maturity**
(assessed in our “Healthy Youth Development” domain)
 - Emotion management and impulse control
 - Resolution of anger/aggressive behavior
 - Consideration of others
 - Future orientation
 - Ability to take personal responsibility
 - Commitment offense impact on community and victim
 - Current and future conduct
 - Resisting peer influences

Youth in the Community

- 527 Youth
- Parole/Probation
- Community residential programs
- Foster Care
- Supportive services





Community Services

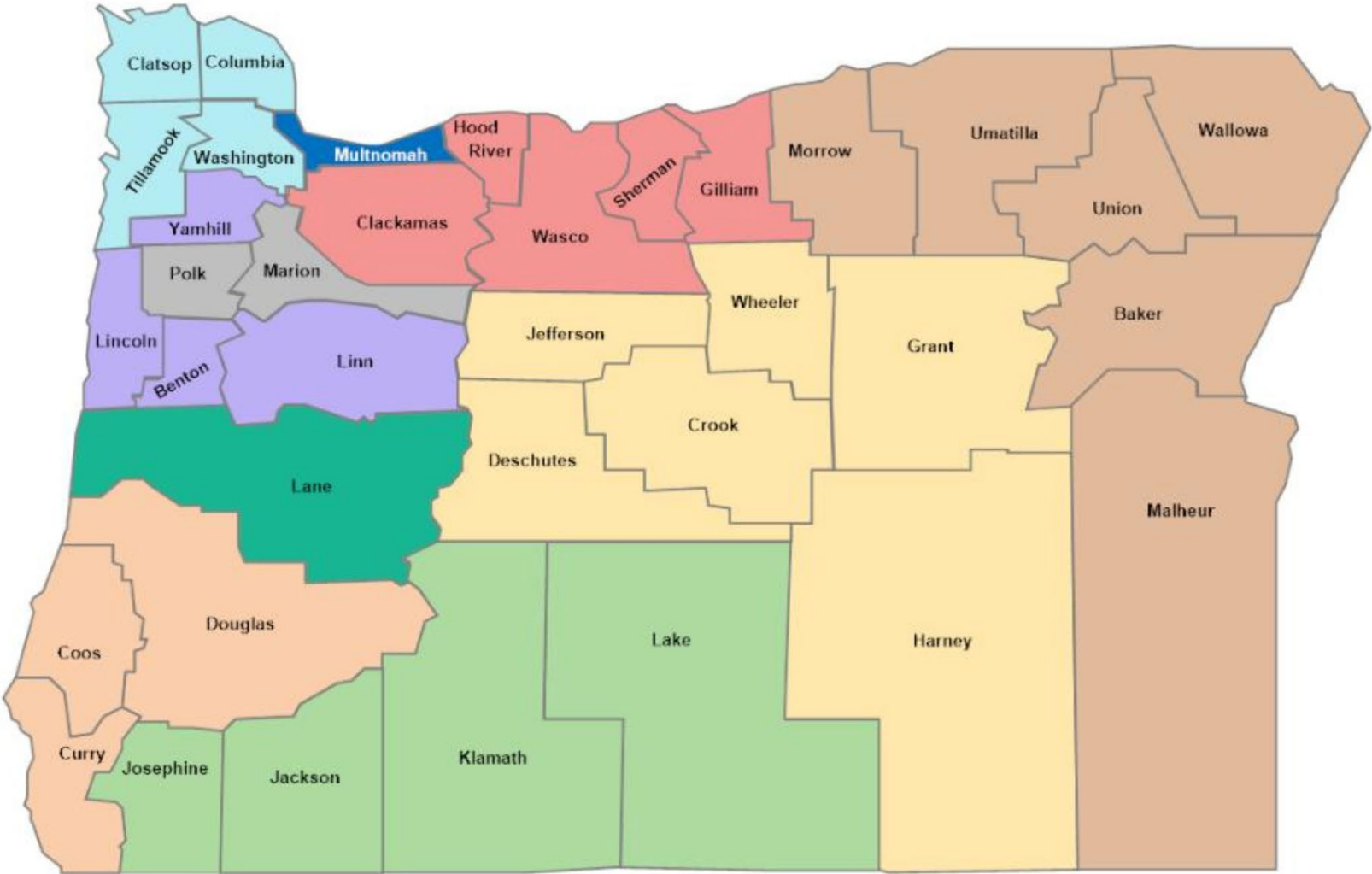
- Community supervision and accountability
- Connections to services and workforce
- Cultural enrichment and connection
- Skill building
- Mentoring and coaching
- Family support

Parole and Probation Offices



- 9 regional teams across the state
- 76 total JPPO, TJPPO, JPPA
- Case management, court hearings, resource referral, accountability
- Culturally specific
- Partnership with community and county juvenile departments

Field Offices and Territories

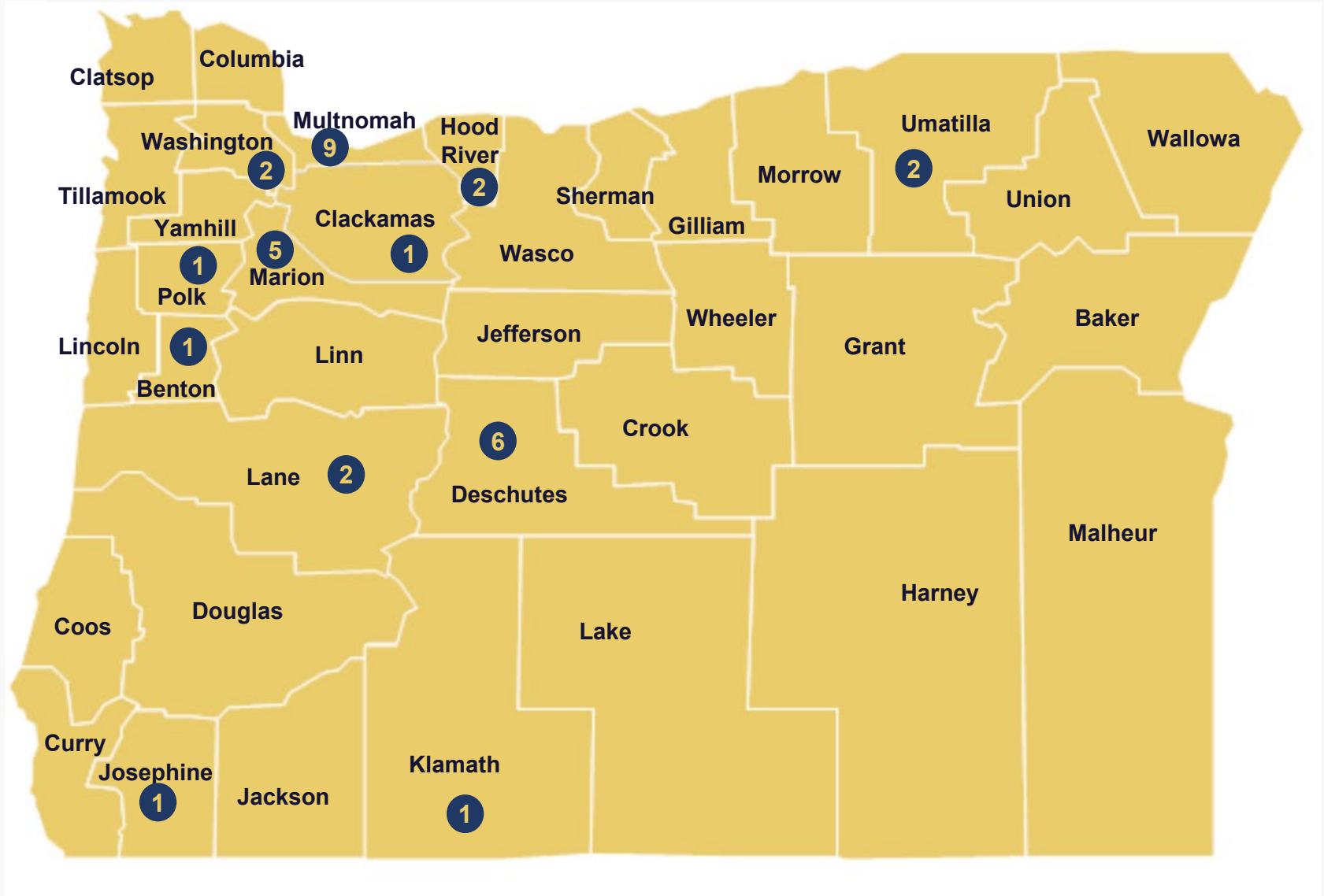


Community Residential and Proctor Programs



- ❑ 27 Behavior Rehabilitative Service programs
 - 1 Culturally specific BRS Program (YU)
 - 7 BRS Independent Living Programs
- ❑ 3 Non BRS residential programs (culturally specific)
 - Team Bailey
 - Joyce Finley Foundation
 - Casa de Maple (opening doors Nov 24)
- ❑ 3 Transitional Housing
 - Claudia House-culturally specific
- ❑ 1 YCC-Detention Based 30-day programs
- ❑ Pending residential programs
 - Psychiatric Residential
 - Detention-based 30-day

Residential and Proctor Home Programs



Numbers indicate how many separate programs are at that location

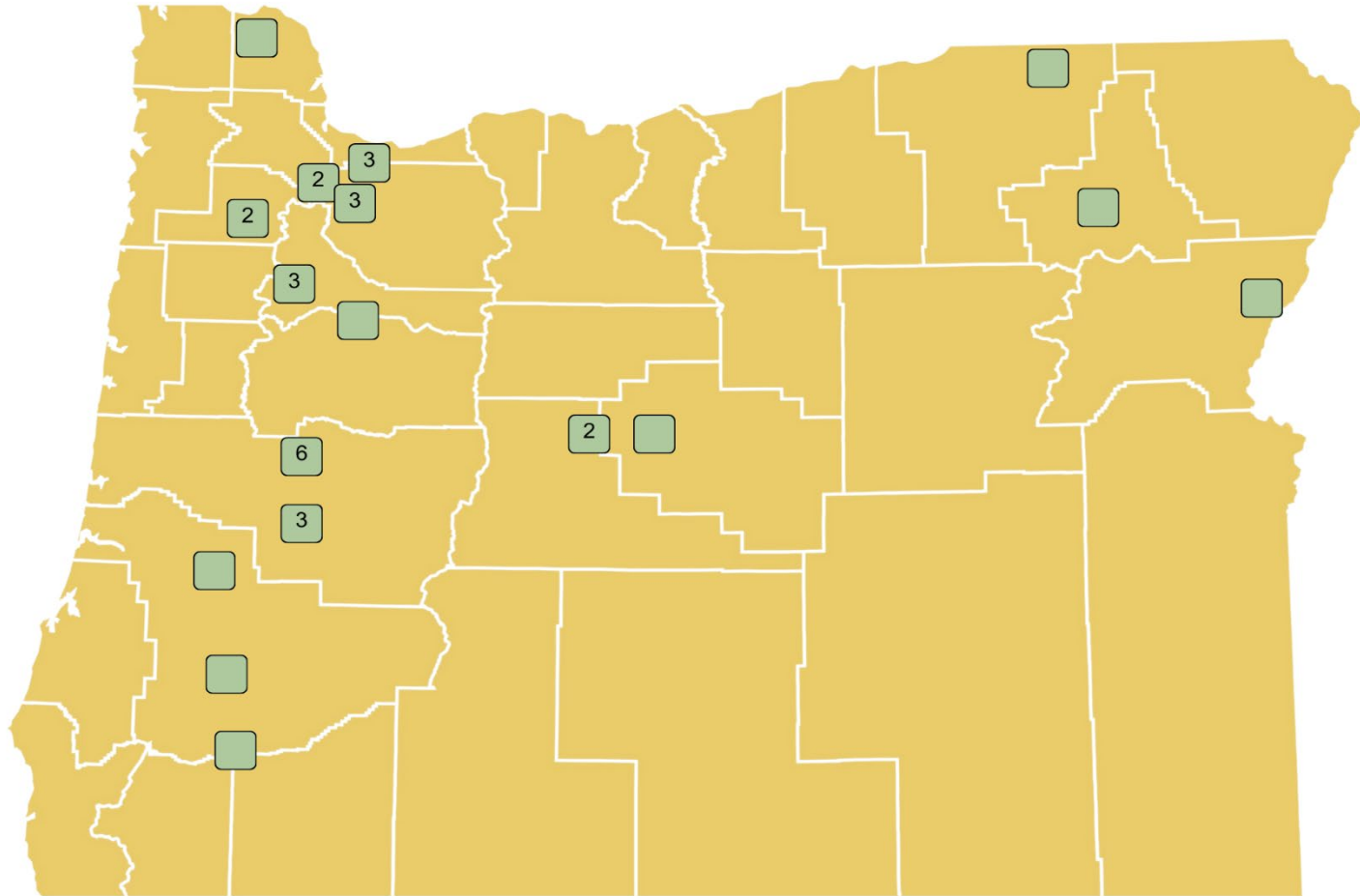
Foster Care



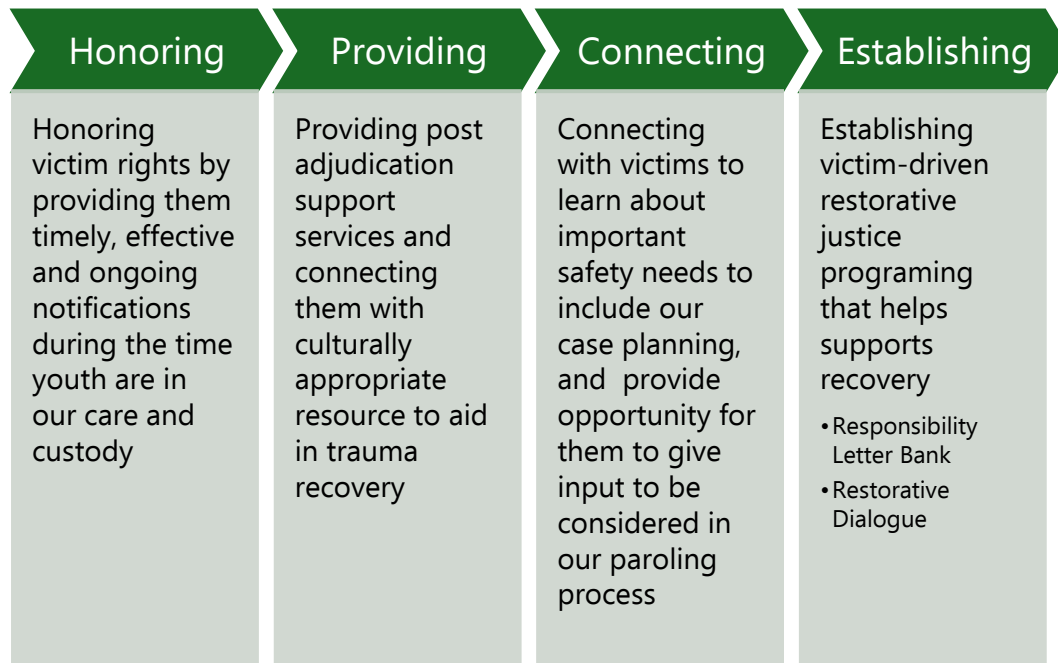
- Budgeted for 90 beds
- 44 beds available
- 31 OYA certified foster homes (9 respite only)
- Issue-specific homes
- Family specific/youth specific homes
- 6 certifiers
- Barriers:
 - recruitment
 - diversity (gender, racial, geographic)



Foster Homes



The Victim Engagement Program focuses on implementing programming that is responsive to the needs of victims & survivors and provides opportunity for youth to better understand the impact of harm caused.



Close-Custody



- 373 Youth
- 5 Youth Correctional Facilities
- 4 Transitional Programs



OYA Close-Custody Facilities

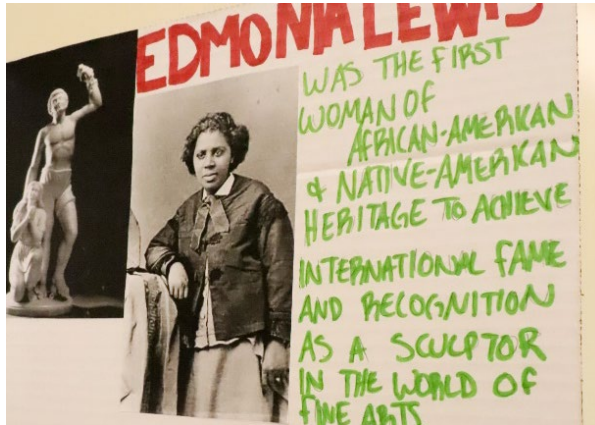


 Youth Correctional Facilities

 Youth Transitional Facilities



MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility - Woodburn



Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility and Jackie Winters Transition Program - Albany

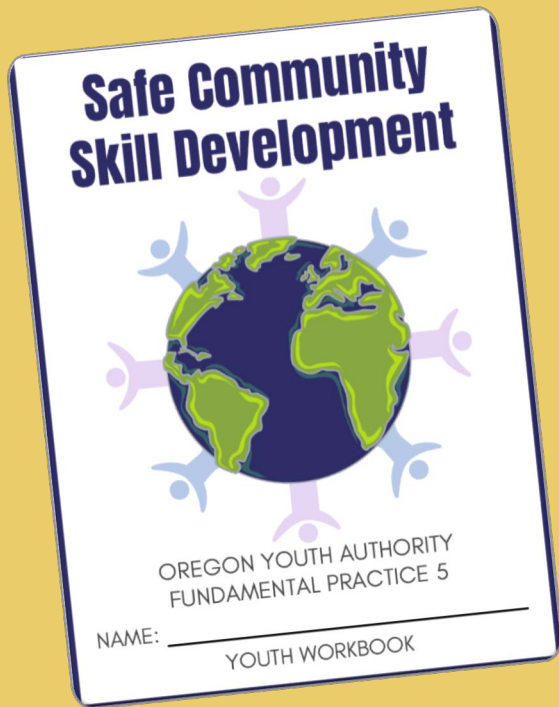
Other Facilities



Education in OYA Facilities

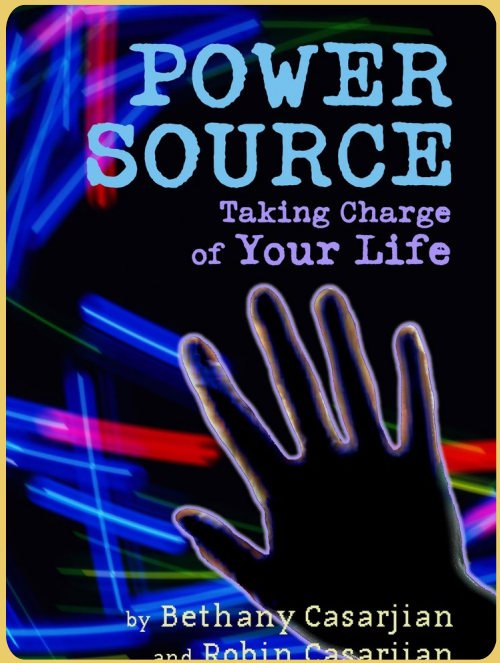
- 7 independent and fully accredited high schools (diplomas and GEDs)
- College coursework available through 9 Oregon community colleges and universities
- 65+ work and professional training programs and certifications





Treatment in OYA Facilities

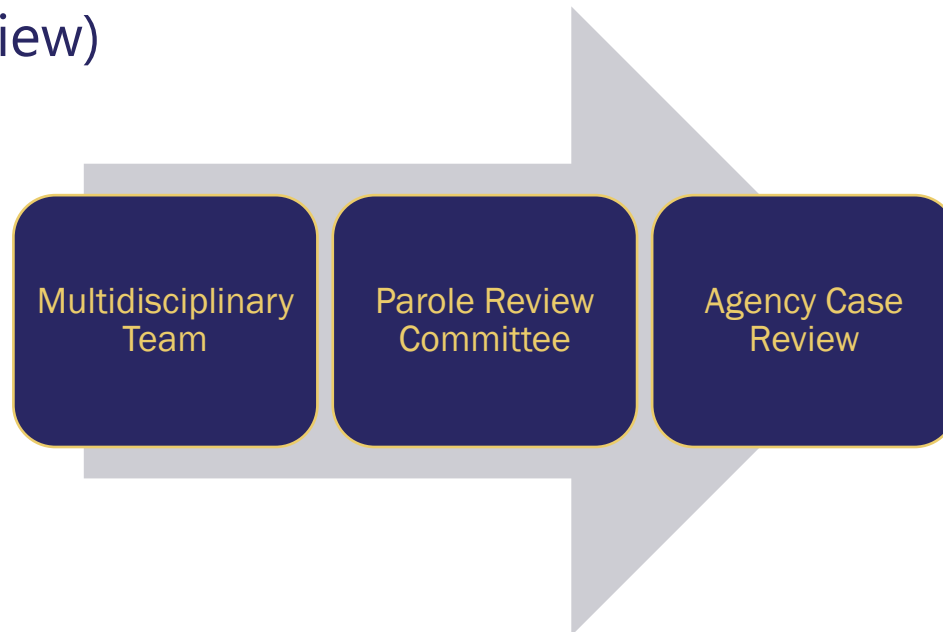
- Safe Community Skill Building – emotion regulation, problem solving, conflict resolution
- Power Source – violent offenses, anger/aggression
- New Directions – substance use disorder
- Stages of Accomplishment – sex offenses



Youth transition decisions



- Youth must demonstrate readiness and developmental progress, engagement in treatment and case plan goals
- People involved in decisions: Facility Superintendents, Parole Supervisors, Multi-Disciplinary Team, Treatment Team, Educational Team, Agency Leaders*
- *Youth who have committed certain crimes must have additional executive level of review before release (Agency Case Review)



Parole Considerations



- The youth's **efforts, participation in and progress on** treatment, educational, vocational and behavioral goals;
- Whether the youth has made and agrees to continue to make **restitution** to the victim;
- **Available community resources** that support continued development and safe placement availability;
- The **threat of harm** the youth represents to self or others;
- The **impact** of the youth's release **on the victim and the community**;
- Any applicable predictive **data tools**;
- The youth's demonstrated **development of psychosocial maturity**;
- **Any other factors or circumstances** deemed relevant by OYA based on the individual characteristics and circumstances of the youth.

Options After Release

Parole Options

- Residential Program
- Foster Care
- Independent Living
- Home

On-going Supervision and Supports

- YAP Advocates
- CIS Mentors
- Contracts with local culturally specific agencies



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