Agency Mission

- The mission of the Oregon Youth Authority is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.
Transition Juvenile Parole/Probation Officer- Overview

- The purpose of this position is to provide intense transition/reintegration, vocation, family engagement, and case management services using a Positive Human Development approach and a cognitive behavioral model to youth on an individual basis. Youth are referred by their primary Juvenile Parole/Probation Officer for services.

- Development and fostering of viable and suitable transition re-entry options (vocation, education, home, family, and community) for youth returning to community settings is an important component of successful reintegration.

- Case management services support the OYA's adopted principles of effective intervention and include supervision, court ordered monitoring, assessment of risk/needs, case planning activities, treatment and placement services.
Youth Services Coordinator - Overview

In collaboration with Juvenile Parole/Probation Officer:

- Develop and coordinate culturally specific direct services for youth in six key areas: mentors and family connections; education; vocational/employment; physical and mental health; social skills; and destructive affiliations (gangs)

- The YSC serves as a resource to the youth and the Juvenile Parole/Probation Officer (JPPO) by identifying resources that help the youth meet the case plan expectations set by JPPO

- Advocates and supports the implementation of a comprehensive, individualized, culturally specific transition plan for youth

- Meet with youth to discuss progress, barriers, challenges, personal issues, problem-solving skills, and goal-setting strategies

- YSCs advocate for each youth’s cultural connections

The objective of the YSC is to:

- Reduce recidivism and address the issue of over-representation of minorities in the juvenile justice system
Transition and Reintegration

Targeted population:
- Youth on probation or parole with OYA
  - Marion County jurisdiction, or residing in Marion County from other jurisdictions
- Youth on ICJ

Transitioning:
- Preparing youth ahead of time for their upcoming community placement
- Identifying youth needs
- Assessing youth skill set, intra and interpersonal skills
- Identify youth supports, strengths, and weaknesses

Reintegrating:
- Youth from Closed Custody Facilities back into their community
- Youth from Residential Treatment Programs and/or OYA Foster Homes back into their community.
Employment & Vocational Services

- Provide, develop and enhance youth employment opportunities (Job Development, Job Coaching, Job Seeking)
  - Job Readiness Workshops
  - One and one skill development

- Develop, foster and support relationships with local workforce development agencies

- Teach, Model and Coach youth on soft skills to be “job ready”

- Connect youth with an employment program, job, or work opportunity
Family Engagement

- Build positive relationships with youth and their families
- Regular communication with youth and families for support
- Coordinate support services for youth and families
  - Education
  - Counseling
  - Mental Health
  - Medical
  - Basic needs
Educational Services

- Enroll youth into school
  - Public School
  - Alternative School
  - GED Programs
  - College
  - Vocation Programs
- Provide support to youth and school staff regarding behavior or attendance
- Ensure youth are receiving the services needed to meet their academic expectations
- Tutoring
- Assistance with organization
- Completing FAFSA Applications
Collaboration with……..

- Internal OYA Divisions
- Community Residential Programs
- Foster Parents
- School Officials
- Juvenile Department
- Families
- Other community partnerships
OYA Marion County Transition Services Collaboration

- Youth Services Coordinator and Transition Juvenile Parole and Probation Officer
  - Workshops
  - Skills groups
  - Resource sharing
  - Networking
  - Prosocial Activities within the community
  - Community Events
  - Recruitment Booths
  - Building caring and supportive relationships
Life and Social

- Housing for youth living independently
- Budgeting and Money Management
- Transportation
  - Public Transit
  - DMV
- Prosocial activities
- Exposure to new activities
- Soft skill building
Success Stories