### HOW WE ARE FUNDED

The 2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget for the Oregon Youth Authority is $405.5 million total funds, of which $307.4 million is General Fund. Approximately 90 percent of the agency’s budget is spent locally in facilities and communities.

Funds distributed by program category are:

- Facility programs ………… 41%
- Community programs ……… 33%
- Capital projects …………… 12%
- Program support ………….. 9%
- Debt service ……………….. 3%
- Agency-wide expenditures … 2%

### HOW WE WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS

OYA is one of many organizations that make up Oregon’s juvenile justice and public safety systems.

Members of these systems include county juvenile departments, courts and district attorneys, law enforcement agencies, tribes, local communities, residential providers, mental health and addiction programs, victim advocacy groups, social service agencies, communities of color, faith communities, the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), the Oregon Department of Human Services, the Oregon Department of Education, the Youth Development Council, and a range of non-profit and volunteer organizations. These partners coordinate their efforts through an exchange of information made possible by the Juvenile Justice Information System (JGIS).

JGIS is a statewide, electronic information system designed to support the shared use of a single database by Oregon’s juvenile justice and public safety agencies. It is a result of collaboration between OYA and county juvenile departments.

The JJIS Steering Committee meets monthly to prioritize development of software features, make policy decisions, and allocate project resources.

Steering Committee members represent county juvenile departments, OYA, and DOC.

### WHO WE ARE

OYA has 1,102 employees located throughout the state. Of these, 951 are represented and 151 are management service or unrepresented. SEIU represents 861 employees; AFSCME represents 90 employees.

Overall, approximately 36 percent of the agency’s employees are female, 20 percent are persons of color, and 0.1 percent are persons with disabilities.

Among management staff, approximately 43 percent are female, 14 percent are persons of color, and 1.4 percent are persons with disabilities.

### WHAT WE VALUE

The core values that guide OYA are:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Respect

### THE ROLE OF THE OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY

The mission of the Oregon Youth Authority is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing them with the education, guidance, and support they need to be crime-free and productive members of their communities.

OYA exercises legal and physical custody of youth committed to it by juvenile courts, and physical custody of youth committed to the Oregon Department of Corrections by adult courts.

The agency serves the state’s most delinquent youth age 12 through 24 who commit crimes prior to age 18. Their criminal and anti-social activities include property offenses, sex offenses, assault, substance abuse, robbery, other violent crimes, and gang activity.

OYA staff and partners provide these youth with a range of evidence-based treatment and education programs designed to address the factors that contributed to their criminal behavior. These services are available to youth on probation, in close custody, and on parole.

### THE YOUTH WE SERVE

OYA serves approximately 1,400 youth at any given time. The majority of OYA youth — approximately 825 — are on probation or parole. The remainder, about 550 youth, live in one of OYA’s nine close-custody facilities located throughout Oregon.

**The Youth We Serve at a Glance**

**Age**

- 12 thru 13: 1%
- 14 thru 15: 9%
- 16 thru 17: 37%
- 18 thru 20: 45%
- 21+: 11%

**Gender**

- Male: 86%
- Female: 14%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- Caucasian: 56%
- Hispanic: 23%
- African-American: 12%
- Native Am.: 5%
- Other/Unk.: 3%

**Social Characteristics**

- Diagnosed mental health disorders*: 75%
- Substance abuse or dependence: 63%
- Parents have history of alcohol/drug abuse: 63%
- Diagnosed conduct disorder: 52%
- Special education student: 33%
- Victim of sexual abuse: 15%
- Past suicidal behavior: 11%

*Excludes conduct disorder

Many of the youth in OYA custody share several key social characteristics:
WHERE OUR YOUTH ARE FROM

Youth in the care and custody of OYA come from every part of Oregon.

WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS

OYA tracks 15 performance measures to monitor the success of its services. The measures fall within five areas: public safety, accountability, rehabilitation, youth safety, and customer service.

Public safety goals are achieved through the use of interventions and graduated sanctions that target and reduce risk factors. Four measures support OYA’s public safety goals:

- Probation recidivism
- Parole recidivism
- Escapes
- Runaways

Youth learn and practice accountability by making restitution payments to their victims. OYA tracks accountability through one measure:

- Restitution paid

Rehabilitation is the underlying goal for all youth in OYA’s care and custody. OYA uses standardized risk assessments and structured case planning processes to develop the most effective plans and intervention strategies. Five measures track the effectiveness of these efforts:

- Intake assessments
- Case planning
- Education services
- Transition planning
- School and work engagement

Youth at OYA are provided with safe environments. OYA tracks safety through three measures:

- Suicidal behavior
- Staff-to-youth injuries
- Youth-to-youth injuries

Customer service is measured by the satisfaction ratings in two areas:

- Youth satisfaction
- Family satisfaction