



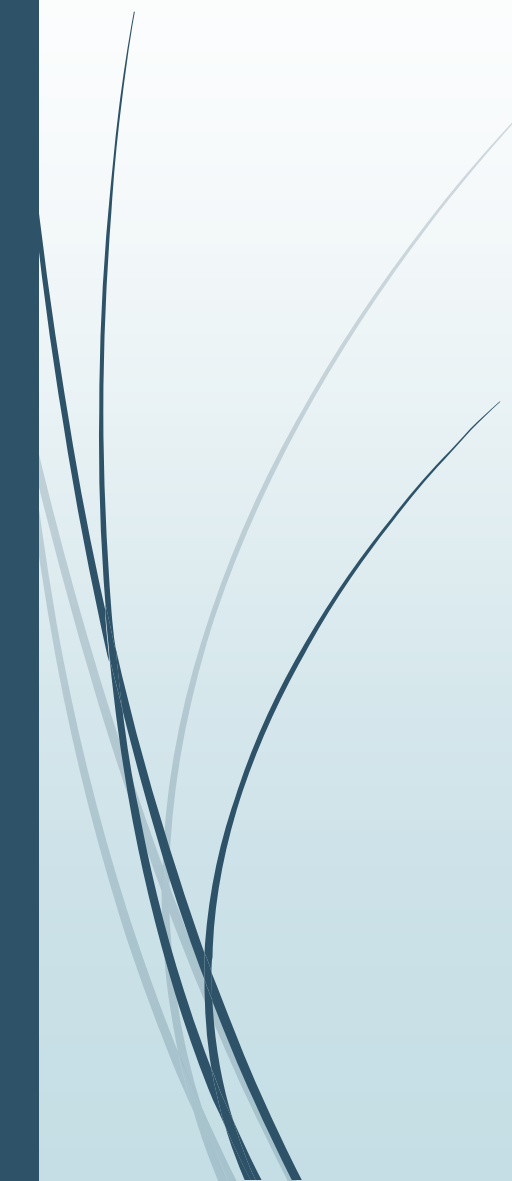
# Oregon Youth Authority

Community Transition & Reintegration Services

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# 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.
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# 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

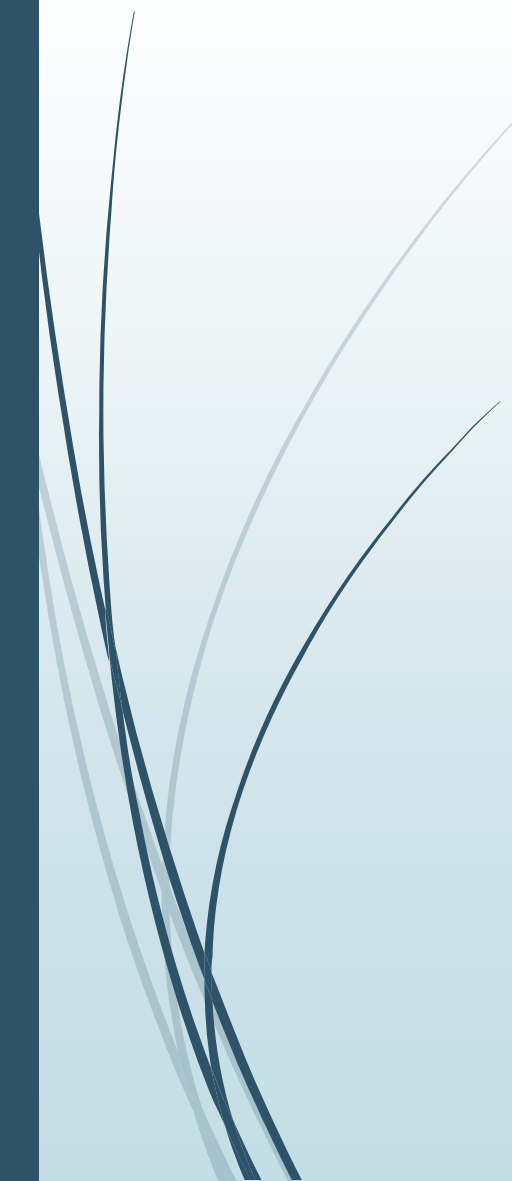


- ▶ Enroll youth into school
  - ❖ Public School
  - ❖ Alternative School
  - ❖ GED Programs
  - ❖ College
  - ❖ Vocation Programs
- ▶ Provide support to youth and school staff regarding behavior or attendance
- ▶ Ensure youth are receiving the services needed to meet their academic expectations
- ▶ 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
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# 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