

Senate Bill (SB) 1557 January 2025 Progress Report

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and with families and youth with lived experience, shall investigate the services and supports provided to individuals under the age of 21 years and funded through the Community First Choice Option (K Plan) under 42 USC 1396n(k) that are provided to avoid placement of a child or youth in each of the following types of institutions:

- (a) A hospital, as defined in ORS 442.015;
- (b) A nursing home;
- (c) An intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions certified under 42 CFR, part 483; or
- (d) An inpatient facility providing psychiatric treatment to individuals under the age of 21 years.

Preliminary report completed Oct. 1, 2024

A preliminary report was submitted to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care and human services on Oct. 1, 2024.

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Final report due March 1, 2025

Coordination and cross-agency collaboration

This interagency team supports the implementation of SB 1557 by improving care transitions, addressing service gaps, and ensuring policies meet the needs of children, youth and young adults with complex behavioral health needs.

Interagency coordination is currently focused on: (1) the final SB 1557 report; (2) developing robust criteria for mental health inpatient levels of care; and (3) consultation on design and implementation of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). Check the [SB 1557 web page](#) for more information.

Data

Data was collected and analyzed regarding youth in Child Welfare who have been in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) or inpatient care for the final SB 1557 report. The data show how often youth need these services, their access to behavioral health care, and overall service use. It also supports planning for Medicaid-funded services and identifies gaps or ways to improve care and coordination.

Community engagement

In December, Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN) completed and summarized multiple engagements with 21 parents and 12 youth and submitted a family and youth engagement summary for inclusion in the final report. Individual interviews were conducted with Latino family members.

In January outreach included:

- The Arc of Lane County
- FACT Oregon
- Capaces and Alianza Poder
- El Programa Hispano- Catolico
- Union Gospel Mission
- Woodburn Oregon City

- POIC (Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center);
- Jackson Street Youth Services
- South Coast Pride
- Micronesian Islander Community Salem

Outreach occurred with 3 key informants in geographically and historically marginalized communities.

February engagements to include Rural coastal youth organizations and Oregon Migrant Willamette Educational Services District.

Next steps:

- Development of a family and youth engagement model to ensure ongoing family input in Medicaid Behavioral Health Services
- Planning future meetings and discussions to support SB 1557 implementation and include family and youth perspectives in decision making

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