

SB 1557 August 2024 Progress Report

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with the 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.

A preliminary report is due to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care and human services by October 1, 2024.

- **Progress on Preliminary report due October 1, 2024**
- Final draft of preliminary report will be submitted by UConn in early September, then will undergo internal review and revision before the end of the month.
- Data Summary and Recommendations:
- University of Connecticut, Innovations Institute (UConn), OHA, and ODHS have collaborated to summarize data elements and develop recommendations.
- Family Engagement - August

- OHA, UConn, and Oregon Family Support Network partnered to provide English and Spanish language family listening sessions to inform the Preliminary Report and its recommendations.
- Written feedback surveys were provided.
- An [SB 1557 website](#) provides a place for community to learn about opportunities for engagement.
- Coordination and Cross-Agency Collaboration
 - Ongoing coordination across agencies in weekly project team meetings.
- July 19, 2024, OHA memo to Coordinated Care Organizations, County Mental Health Programs, mental health providers, Licensed Professional Boards, and Oregon hospitals outlined that they may not deny any individual under the age of 21 years access to mental health assessment, treatment or service on the basis that the individual also has an intellectual or developmental disability.
- Limited Duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3
 - Limited Duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 is still in recruitment at this time.

Final Report Due March 1, 2025

- Data Summary and Recommendations
- Level of Care tool recommendations could allow for a population and cost range projection for K Plan expansion.
- Community Engagement
- OHA has partnered with Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN) for ongoing engagement with families and youth through March 1, 2025, and beyond. An engagement plan is in development to ensure that engagement activities are meaningful and adds value to the process for all participants.

- Youth engagement needs special attention: OHA and OFSN are exploring partnerships with community-based organizations providing and support for youth, to inform the March 2025 final report.
- OHA is planning engagement with advisory councils, providers and the community
- Coordination and Cross-Agency Collaboration
- Engage agency leaders to assign SMEs to implement planning of recommendations that do not require legislative funding, CMS approval or policy changes.

Concurrent Planning

- Coordination with the Home and Community Based Services project team.
 - OHA is committed to development of behavioral health services for children, youth, and young adults under 21.
- OHA is finalizing a long-term implementation project plan to expand HCBS for this population- including requesting technical assistance from CMS on the utilization of appropriate authorities and the development of a level of care determination assessment tool.
- OHA is awaiting response from CMS on the status of technical assistance.