

# ***Lane County Department of Youth Services***

## **2010-2011 Budget Presentation**

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- **The Department of Youth Services (DYS) provides assessment, probation, training, counseling and detention services for all youth, ages 12-17 years old, referred by local law enforcement because of criminal behavior. The Juvenile Court is an arm of the Oregon state circuit court system and is housed at the department.**

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- **It is the branch of Lane County government responsible for services to youth accused of law violations or judged delinquent by the juvenile court. DYS is funded from the Lane County general fund, along with some state and federal grant funding for new programs.**

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- **DYS is staffed by Groupworkers and counselors specializing in juvenile corrections. DYS staff are county employees and are all experienced in working with troubled youth.**

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- **Four Divisions/Units:**
  - **Youth Offender Intake and Supervision**
  - **Secure Custody & Treatment for Youth**
  - **Pathways**
  - **Administration**

# Youth Offender Intake and Supervision

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- **Presently 27.19 FTE**
- **Recommended 28.19 FTE (+Youth Advocacy Coordinator)**
- **Services include probation, youth intake and reception from law enforcement, juvenile court, individual & group interventions, case management, coordination with community treatment service providers, electronic monitoring, juvenile drug court, sex offender assessment and services, minority youth advocacy and mental health stabilization and assessment.**
- **Additional advocacy is needed for youth and families of color.**

# Youth Offender Intake and Supervision

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- **2009**
  - **2,244 total referrals**
    - **Criminal referrals – 1,570 individual referrals with 3,599 allegations.**  
**Person crimes = 16.1% (252)**  
**Property = 54.8% (860)**  
**Other Criminal = 29.2% (458)**

# Youth Offender Intake and Supervision

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- **2009**

- **2,244 total referrals**

- **Non-criminal = 30% (674) (MIPs, tobacco, violations, etc.**

**75% of youth self-report drug/alcohol experimentation/use**

**67% of youth self-report mental health concerns**

# Youth Offender Intake and Supervision

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- **Male = 63.8% (1,006)**
- **Female = 36.2% (570)**
  - **African American = 4.1% (64)**
  - **Asian = 0.8% (12)**
  - **Caucasian = 85.0% (1,342)**
  - **Hispanic = 7.0% (110)**
  - **Native American = 1.2% (19)**
  - **Other/Unknown = 2% (32)**

# **Secure Custody & Treatment for Youth**

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- **20.60 FTE presently**
- **21.10 (transfer of .50 FTE to Food & Nutrition Services from Administration)**
- **16 beds of Detention**
- **16 beds of Secure Residential Treatment**
- **Food & Nutrition Services**
- **Day Treatment & Reporting Center**

# Secure Custody & Treatment for Youth

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- **Detention:**
  - **725 Admissions**
  - **Average Stay between 1 to 10 days**
- **Phoenix Secure Residential Program**
  - **Average length of stay 120 days**
  - **Focuses on treatment goals set by treatment team, family and youth**

# **Secure Custody & Treatment for Youth**

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- **Food & Nutrition Services**
  - **5 FTE**
  - **Provided over 57,000 meals for Detention, Phoenix, MLK Ed Center, & Day Treatment and Reporting Center**
  - **Complies with USDA School Lunch Program nutritional requirements**

# **Secure Custody & Treatment for Youth**

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- **Day Treatment & Reporting Center**
  - **Contracted Service**
  - **Provides intensive outpatient drug & alcohol treatment services to over 80 youth per year.**
  - **Mentoring & Tutoring Services for Youth**
  - **Bi-cultural & Bi-lingual counselor available for families**

# Pathways

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- **Contracted Service**
- **Residential drug & alcohol treatment for high- risk male juvenile offenders**
- **Serves approximately 24 youth per year**
- **Program has been rated as highly effective in reducing recidivism**

# Administration

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- **5 FTE**
- **Constitutes 10% of overall DYS budget**
- **Includes fiscal services, data collection, grant application & implementation, reception services, administrative oversight, and responds to building issues.**
- **Requesting additional Program Service Coordinator position to assist in contract development, implementation & compliance monitoring.**

# Security Add Package from 2009-2010 Budget

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- **2009-2010 budget included the addition of \$50,000 to contract for additional building security. Department of Youth Services now has security monitoring during all regular business hours.**
- **Results with additional security screening:**
  - 2/2009 22 dangerous items confiscated
  - 6/2009 88 dangerous items confiscated
  - 8/2009 53 dangerous items confiscated

# Accomplishments

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- **Reauthorization of U.S. Department of Labor Grant for MLK Education Center**
- **Increased funding through Oregon Community Foundation for Peer Courts**
- **Designated existing positions as bi-lingual – Spanish:**
  - Groupworker – Detention
  - Office Assistant – Administration – Reception
  - Juvenile Counselor – Youth Offender Intake and Supervision
  - Employment Specialist – Martin Luther King Jr. Education Program
- **Worked with Oregon Department of Education to maintain current level of funding for detention education.**
- **Celebrated 10 years of RAP Court (first juvenile drug court in the State of Oregon)**

# Challenges

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- **Continued work with communities of color to improve services to youth and families including a review of all decision points within the system**
- **Maximize leveraging and grant opportunities**
- **Recruit & maintain high-quality staff during precarious financial times**
- **Work with the Oregon Youth Authority and the Oregon State Legislature to minimize budget reductions that affect high-risk, delinquent youth.**