



## **Solution Engagement Series Regional Report:**

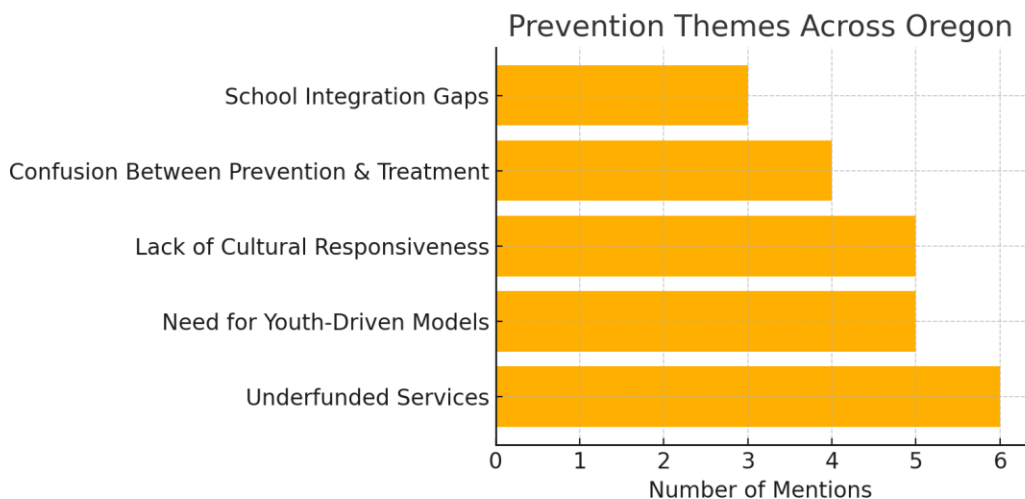
### **Statewide Summary**

#### **Introduction**

This report summarizes key findings from six regional Solution Engagement meetings held across Oregon in May 2025. Co-facilitated by the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC) and Oregon Recovers, the sessions gathered insights from community leaders, providers, and people with lived experience to inform a statewide five-year strategy addressing substance use through four core pillars: Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, and Harm Reduction. Common themes and regional distinctions are presented below.

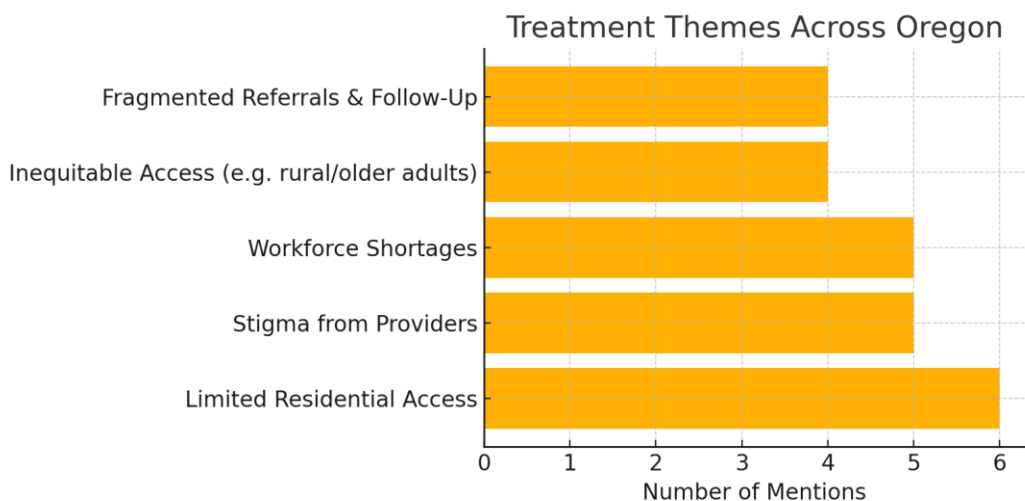
#### **Prevention**

All six regions reported underinvestment in primary prevention, especially in culturally specific and youth-led programs. Stakeholders emphasized the need to separate prevention from treatment messaging, prioritize early childhood and school-based engagement, and develop community-rooted strategies that reflect local values and voices.



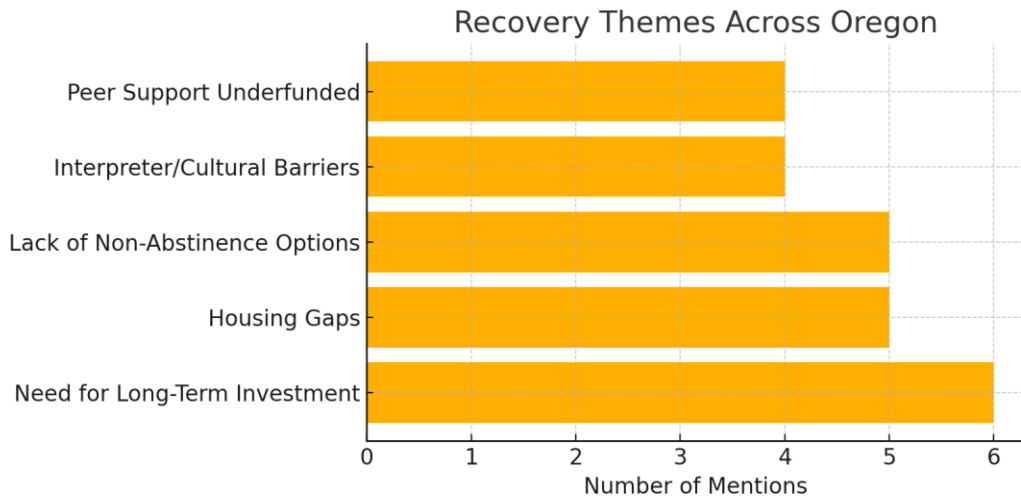
## Treatment

Barriers to treatment were consistently reported across regions, including workforce shortages, restrictive program criteria, and lack of residential facilities—particularly in rural and frontier counties. Several regions called out systemic stigma and a need for more trauma-informed, flexible care pathways that include MOUD and wraparound supports.



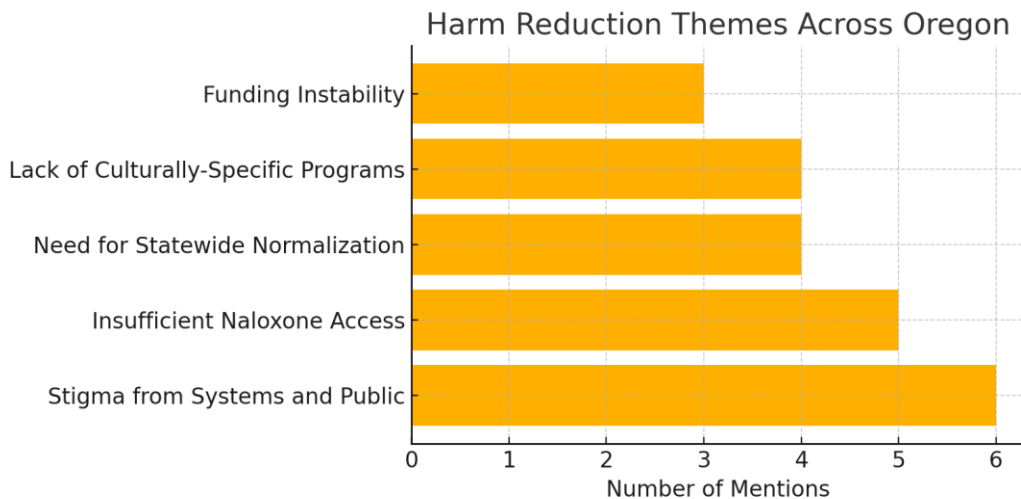
## Recovery

Participants across the state voiced concern that recovery services are often siloed, short-term, or lack cultural and linguistic inclusivity. There was strong consensus around funding peer-led organizations, building more recovery housing, and reducing exclusionary policies. Stakeholders stressed the importance of supporting all recovery pathways, including harm reduction-informed and non-abstinence models.



## Harm Reduction

Harm reduction remains highly stigmatized in every region. Participants reported funding instability, lack of staff training, and political resistance. Calls for statewide public education, MAT normalization, and integration of harm reduction within broader care systems were repeated throughout the state. Programs serving communities of color and rural populations are especially under-resourced.



## Unified Recommendations to ADPC

1. Prioritize long-term, flexible funding for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction.
2. Expand residential treatment and crisis stabilization infrastructure statewide.
3. Support culturally specific and linguistically accessible services in every county.

4. Fund peer-delivered services and recovery housing through stable, non-grant-based mechanisms.
5. Normalize harm reduction across all service systems and educate the public and providers.
6. End punitive, abstinence-only approaches and support diverse recovery pathways.
7. Improve coordination across systems (e.g., EDs, jails, CCOs, schools) to ensure continuity of care.
8. Collect and use county-level data to drive equity-based funding and program decisions.