

# Senate Bill (SB) 1557 February 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.

[Senate Bill 1557 Legislative Report](#)

[Executive Summary: Senate Bill 1557 Legislative Report](#)

# 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 for youth in Child Welfare who have received 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

During February Oregon Family Support Network continued outreach and connection across diverse communities in Oregon. Sessions included a Marshall Island focus group, Compass Center for Youth and Families and Youth Tides Program and focused conversation with rural families.

Outreach included:

- Ukrainian refugee community
- Childhood Safety and Wellbeing at the University of Oregon
- 90 by 30, Lane County
- African Youth and Community Organization
- IRCO

The work is building a picture of how marginalized communities understand mental health concerns for youth, look for help and support and might interact with home and community-based service.

Oregon Family Support Network will be sub-contracting with Jackson Street Youth Services to provide specific youth engagement.

Next steps:

- Development of a family and youth engagement model to ensure ongoing youth and 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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