



# BENEFITS FOR YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

## Oregon Youth Authority

### Helping Your Youth Get the Services They Need

The Oregon Youth Authority has a team of people who find benefits to help pay for services for youth. We call them our Youth Benefits Access Team, or YBAT.

While your youth is in our custody, OYA will make sure their needs are met, including treatment, foster care, residential placements, and other services as identified. These services are paid for by the state, but your child also may qualify for benefits that help support the costs of these programs.

We know this is a tough time for you and your family. Thinking about benefits, especially child support, can make things even harder. But we need your help.

We may ask for personal information about you, your child, and your family. This is to help us learn whether your child is eligible for benefits that help pay for services they need.



### Youth Benefits Access Team

If you have questions about the information in this flyer, YBAT can help! Please contact us with your questions about:

- Child support
- Social Security
- Medical benefits



#### Contact Us

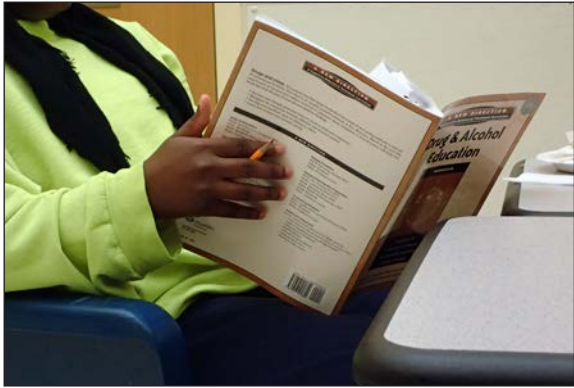
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See the back of this flyer for more information about how benefits work for your youth at OYA



# HOW BENEFITS WORK



## Medical Benefits

Do you already have private health insurance for your youth? If so, you should keep it, and let us know about it. It could help your youth get access to more care in the community. It also could get you a deduction on your child support payments.

If your youth is eligible for medical benefits through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), we will help them set up an account. However, if your youth also is covered by private health insurance, that must be used before OHP.

## Social Security

Oregon law says that if a youth is eligible to receive Social Security benefits, OYA must apply to get those benefits to help provide care for the youth. If your youth already was receiving any type of Social Security benefits, those payments will now come to OYA instead of to your family.

Your youth may qualify for Social Security if they have physical or mental disabilities, or if their parent died, retired, or is disabled. If we believe your youth is eligible for these benefits while they are in our custody, we will help them apply to receive them.

## Child Support

If your youth is in our custody and no longer living in your home, Oregon law requires each parent to pay child support, even if they haven't been involved in the youth's life. The Oregon Division of Child Support will contact you soon.

You can learn more about child support by calling our office or going online to [www.oregonchildsupport.gov](http://www.oregonchildsupport.gov).



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