



BENEFITS FOR YOUTH IN CLOSE CUSTODY

Oregon Youth Authority

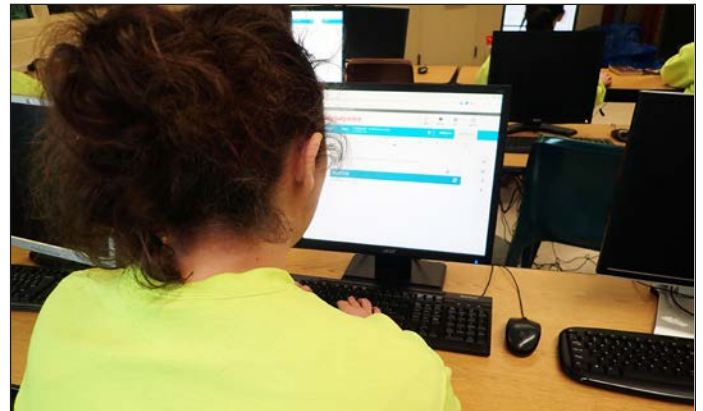
»» Helping Your Youth Get the Services They Need

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 one of our youth correctional facilities, our agency will make sure their needs are met, including treatment, medical care, and other services as identified. OYA pays for these services, 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 youth, 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

OYA provides medical, dental, and mental health care for youth in our facilities. Most of our facilities have a health clinic with a doctor and nurses on site. We also have contracts with health care providers in the community for services our clinics cannot provide.

Do you already have private health insurance for your youth? If so, you should keep it, and let us know about it. If your youth needs emergency or specialty care somewhere outside of our facilities, your insurance could help pay for this. It also could get you a deduction on your child support payments.

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 Social Security benefits because one parent died, retired, or is disabled, those payments will now come to OYA instead of to your family. If your youth is eligible for this, but was not already getting it, we will help them apply for it.

When your youth leaves close custody and goes back into the community, they may be able to



get additional Social Security benefits if they have a physical or mental disability. However, they are not allowed to get this type of benefit while they are in a youth or adult correctional facility.

When your child is ready to leave close custody, we will help them apply for Social Security, if they are eligible.

Child Support

Oregon law requires each parent to pay child support while a youth is in our custody, 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.



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