





OYA Foster Care

IMPACT Presentation

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Oregon Youth Authority

The Developmental Approach



SKILLS FOR CREATING A CULTURE OF DEVELOPMENT

Oregon Youth Authority

Insights into Action

Our Data Culture Framework



Hard on Data, Intentional with People

We challenge the information, not the individual.

Healthy tension strengthens our thinking.



If You Don't Know Your Data, You Don't Know Your Business

Understanding our metrics is a shared responsibility.

Knowing your data builds credibility and informs better decisions.



Transparency Builds Trust

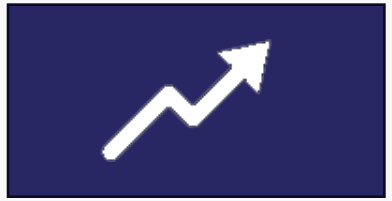
Sharing successes and struggles strengthens our collective effectiveness.



Can't Manage a Secret

No one has to carry the issues alone.

Open communication enables accountability and shared solutions.



Complexity is the Enemy of Execution

Simplicity and clarity accelerate progress.

Keep it understandable, actionable, and measurable.



Collective Accountability

We rise together. Data ownership matters, but improvement is a team sport.

We turn data into direction — not just to report, but to refine, learn, and improve

Definitions

Term	Definition
OYA Foster Home	A home in the community that is maintained and lived in by a foster parent/s who provides care, supervision, food, and lodging on a 24-hour basis for an adjudicated youth in that home certified by the OYA foster care unit.
OYA Proctor Home	A home in the community that is attached to a contracted residential program that is maintained and lived in by a proctor parent/s who provides care, supervision, food, and lodging on a 24-hour basis for an adjudicated youth in that home and certified by the OYA foster care unit and the private child-caring agency.
Probation	When a youth is on probation it means they have never been inside a correctional facility and are currently working with a court-ordered probation agreement. These are steps that, if followed, would keep a youth out of a facility.
Parole	When a youth is on parole, that means they have exited a correctional facility and entered the community. A parolee's community activity is not court-mandated. In other words, youth success on parole is evaluated by OYA.
Success in Foster Care	When a youth leaves Foster Care to live at home, independently, or with a relative home without returning to close custody, detention, residential treatment or running away from the foster home.

About Foster Care

What We Do

- OYA's Foster Care Unit provides safe, enriching placements for youth in family environments by recruiting, training, and supporting foster parents and working collaboratively with agency staff and partners to meet youth needs.
- Foster Care values support, advocacy, professionalism, and collaboration.

Programs

- Foster Care Homes
- Proctor Homes

Daily Population

(as of 9/30/2026)

	Foster Care	Proctor Care
Number of Youth	24	32
Average Age	18	16.9
Age Range in Years	16-23	14-20
% Female	20.8%	9.4%
% Parole	62.5%	59%
Average LOS to Date in Days	272	226
Median LOS to Date in Days	113	105
LOS Range in Days	36 - 890	7 - 820
Race/Ethnicity		
% White	66.7%	65.6%
% Hispanic	16.7%	21.9%
% African American	0%	9.4%
% Native American	12.5%	0%
% Other/Unknown	4.1%	3.1%

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Insight | Measurement | Performance | Accountability
Continuous Improvement | Transparency

Performance Metrics

FC LOS by Subsequent Location

Restrictive moments tend to occur within 5.44 months.

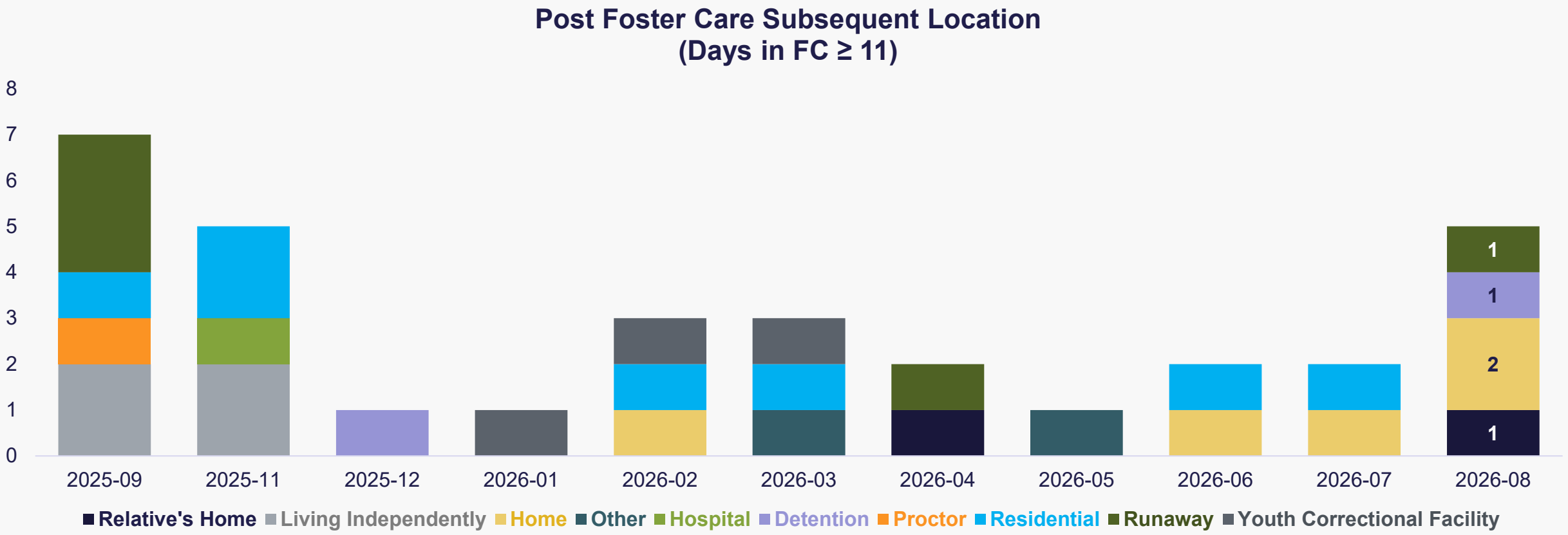
September 2025 - August 2026
(Days in FC ≥ 11)

Movement Type	Subsequent Location	Youth Count	Avg. Mos. in FC
More Restrictive		**19**	**5.44**
	Detention	2	5.63
	Hospital	1	1.12
	Residential	7	9.48
	Runaway	6	2.96
	Youth Correctional Facility	3	2.24
Equally Restrictive		**1**	**0.46**
	Proctor	1	0.46
Home-Like		**11**	**12.79**
	Home	5	11.20
	Living independently	4	18.33
	Relative's home	2	5.67
Other		**2**	**23.88**
Grand Total		**33**	**8.85**

Post Foster-Care Placements

Action Items

No youth left FC in September 2026. In August 2026, 60% (3/5) of youth left FC for a home-like setting.



† Post-Hospital Detention, then to YCF

* Runaways followed by Detention/YCF

Post Foster-Care Placements
by Race/Ethnicity

No youth left FC in September 2026.

In August 2026, 60% (3/5) of youth left FC for home-like settings.

August 2026

Race/Ethnicity	Subsequent Location	Youth Count	Average Months in FC
African American		**1**	**3.06**
	Relative's Home	1	3.06
Native American		**1**	**4.37**
	Detention	1	4.37
White		**3**	**6.12**
	Home	2	8.18
	Runaway	1	2.00
Grand Total		**5**	**5.16**

Post Foster-Care Placements
by Gender

No youth left FC in September 2026.

In August 2026, 60% (3/5) of youth left FC for home-like settings.

August 2026

Gender	Subsequent Location	Youth Count	Average of Months in FC
Female		**1**	**3.06**
	Relative's Home	1	3.06
Male		**4**	**5.68**
	Detention	1	4.37
	Home	2	8.18
	Runaway	1	2.00
Grand Total		**5**	**5.16**

PC LOS by Subsequent Location

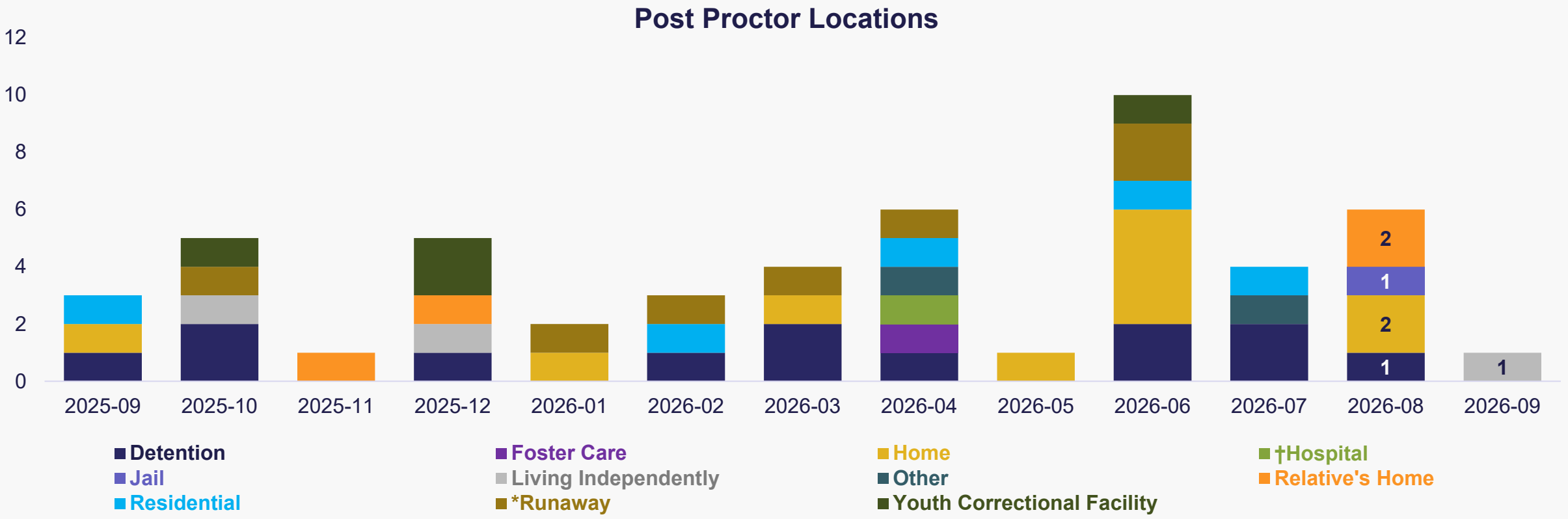
Restrictive moments tend to occur within 4.2 months.

September 2025 - September 2026

PC-Status	Subsequent Location	Youth Count	Average Months in PC
More-Restictive Setting		**23**	**4.20**
	Detention	13	3.98
	Jail	1	0.56
	Residential	5	6.35
	Youth Correctional Facility	4	3.14
Home-Like Setting		**17**	**8.25**
	Home	10	7.96
	Living Independently	3	10.38
	Relative's Home	4	7.40
Other		**11**	**5.52**
	Foster Care	1	2.66
	Other	2	10.07
	Runaway	7	5.15
	Hospital	1	4.20
Grand Total		**51**	**5.77**

Post Proctor-Care Placements

There was one release to living independently last month.



*Two youth remain on Runaway status; two went home; two went to a YCF; one to Residential.

†Hospital → Runaway → Detention → YCF

Post Proctor-Care Placements
by Race/Ethnicity

One youth left PC to live independently in September 2026.

Between August and September 2026, 71.4% (5/7) of youth left FC for home-like settings.

August 2026 – September 2026

Race/Ethnicity	Subsequent Location	Youth Count	Average of Months in PC
African American		**2**	**16.52**
	Living Independently	1	19.65
	Relative's Home	1	13.40
Native American		**1**	**0.56**
	Jail	1	0.56
White		**4**	**6.82**
	Detention	1	9.49
	Home	2	5.68
	Relative's Home	1	6.44
Grand Total		**7**	**8.70**

Post Proctor-Care Placements
by Gender

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Gender	Subsequent Location	Youth Count	Average of Months in PC
Male		**7**	**8.70**
	Detention	1	9.49
	Home	2	5.68
	Jail	1	0.56
	Living Independently	1	19.65
	Relative's Home	2	9.92
Grand Total		**7**	**8.70**

Closing Updates

Runaway Workgroup

High-Priority Work

Is there any high-priority work happening in your department that we don't see reflected in some way in these slides?

Employee Engagement

Updates on employee engagement efforts and areas of focus.

Gallup Results: Will identify focus areas (questions) at November Unit meeting.

New Placement Process Update

New Placements: April 1st – October 13th

- 12 placements completed new process
- One pending
- Three emergency placements did not go through the new placement process
  - **One Home**
  - **One Foster Care**
  - **One Runaway**

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