



**Youth
Development
Division**

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INTRODUCTION

Youth Development Division

The Youth Development Division (YDD) was established through a series of gubernatorial policy directions and legislative bills, as a part of the education reform and restructuring efforts that began in earnest in December of 2010. Senate Bill 909 of the 2011 Legislative Session, House Bill 4165 of the 2012 Legislative Session, House Bill 3231 of the 2013 Legislative Session, and Senate Bill 215 of the 2015 Legislative Session established and developed the Division as a part of a new Oregon Education System.

The YDD emphasizes serves youth school age to 24 who are at risk of disengaging from the education system, are already disengaged, or at risk of successfully making key transitions and who are not participating in the education system and/or not participating in the labor force.

Agency Activities to Promote Government-to-Government Relationship

State-Tribal Public Safety Cluster

The Youth Development Division serves as the State Agency Liaison for the State-Tribal Public Safety Cluster. YDD Director, Serena Stoudamire Wesley, has been serving in this capacity since October 2018. The State-Tribal Public Safety Cluster meets quarterly and all Tribal Law enforcement agencies, State Police, Department of Correction, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Justice and several others participate in the cluster.

The YDD co-sponsored the PL 280 Training with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on October 8 and 9, 2019. The instructors from the California State University's Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center provided the training to law enforcement officers from all over the state.

The highlight of the training was a visit from Grand Ronde Kindergarten Class.

This training helped the participants understand the complexity of federal, state and tribal jurisdiction that exists today on tribal lands through a user-friendly format. Participants were equipped with an overall knowledge of the historical, cultural and legal aspects of working with the tribal governments and their communities for the effective and practical public safety implementation. The YDD will be partnering with the Coquille Tribe to continue this training, tentatively in the fall of 2020.

Youth Reengagement

Under the Student Success Act, Statewide Education Initiatives Account, The Youth Development Division (YDD) will develop a statewide reengagement system that takes a deliberate approach to reconnect youth who have left high school before earning a high school diploma or GED. Reengagement includes services, activities, and resources that serve youth who are not in school and have not completed high school.

The reengagement system will serve youth ages 14-21 who have left high school before graduation or completion, as well as those referred by partner agencies defined in the legislation. The legislation calls for the establishment of collaborative reengagement programs that combine academic, work readiness and supportive services that offer pathways for youth to complete their education, prepare for the workforce, and acquire

skills to be successful in their future. The Statewide Initiatives Account includes \$4 million for the support of this Reengagement System.

In October 2019, the YDD launched a community engagement effort, with the intention of learning more about the issues, needs, and successful efforts to reengage youth in the Oregon communities with high rates of youth not completing high school. To date the YDD has visited three communities in Southwestern Oregon and two in Northwestern Oregon: Roseburg, Gold Beach, Coos Bay, Astoria, and St. Helens. In each of these communities, the YDD held a community forum to share information about reengagement and gather input from educators, youth serving organizations and agencies, civic leaders, and other community members. These community conversations will inform the design and implementation of the statewide reengagement system.

The YDD met with the CTCLUSI Family Services staff while in Coos Bay and recruited a youth tribal member to serve on the Youth Development Council. The CTCLUSI Family Services director also participated in a community meeting at South Coast ESD. The YDD will continue to engage with Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribal Governments to ensure that this reengagement system will serve Tribal youth members in a culturally responsive and effective manner.

2019-2021 Community Investment Grants

Community Investment Grants are awarded through a competitive process each biennium. This biennium, the YDD received 15 proposals for Gang Prevention & Intervention, 45 proposals for Innovation/Workforce and 104 proposals for Youth & Community grants. Of the 164 proposals received the YDD was able to award 88 of which 18 are organizations which YDD has not funded in the past. The YDD invests in youth by funding community-based collaborative efforts that address the unique circumstances of youth in their local communities across the state. YDD grants seek to empower communities in supporting their youth by leveraging the specific strengths to address barriers to education and career success that local community-based efforts are best situated to identify.

Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Department of Children and Family Services, was awarded a \$200,000 Youth and Community Grant for their Lost & Found Youth Outreach Program.

This program serves high-risk native youth in the Pendleton area through group mentoring and teaching youth workforce related skills that aid youth in seeking and retaining employment. The MindSet program addresses the high rates of Native women being vanished or murdered. The program provides knowledge, skills, and tools to protect themselves, recognize and resist abusive behaviors.

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribes was awarded two Youth and Community Grants totaling \$300,000:

The Tribal Youth Council Expansion Project expands the Tribal Youth Council by implementing additional programming and continues to utilize and expand on Tribal best-practices that build resiliency and foster success for Tribal youth. This project will:

- Increase participation of youth;
- Develop new community service projects;
- Plan and execute Tribal cultural programs;
- Mentor and coach other youth;
- Plan and deliver Tribal youth summit; and
- Participate in job training and workshop programs.

The Expanding Horizons Youth Center Program will expand after school, culturally relevant programming for youth (ages 9-18) at new location. This location has kitchen where they will implement healthy eating and cooking classes utilizing Tribal traditional foods as way of strengthening cultural connection between youth and tribe. Other services include:

- Intergenerational Mentoring;
- Cultural based Language Arts Programming (native language and storytelling); and
- Cultural based Math and Science programming.

In addition to cultural based practices trauma informed approaches include:

- Recognizing impact of individual intergenerational and historical trauma;
- Minimizing risk of re-traumatization; and
- Integrating cultural wisdom into services and practices.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Tribal Programs

The Oregon Youth Development Division provides Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funds to all 36 county juvenile departments and all nine federally recognized tribes for programs focused on youth at risk for juvenile crime, and establishes assessment criteria for the local high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans. The criteria includes, but are not limited to, measuring changes in juvenile crime and recidivism. The YDD works with tribal governments to develop tribal high-risk juvenile crime prevention plans. The Tribes received an increase in JCP allocations from \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the 2019-2021 biennium.

In 2019, the Tribes submitted updated and amended JCP plans for the 2019-21 biennium. Tribal JCP programs support services and activities for youth who have more than one of the following risk factors:

- ✓ antisocial behavior;
- ✓ poor family functioning or poor family support;
- ✓ school failure;
- ✓ substance abuse;
- ✓ or negative peer association; and
- ✓ are clearly demonstrating at-risk behaviors that will lead to imminent or increased involvement in the juvenile justice system.

The YDD also administers federal funding dedicated to preventing delinquent behavior and improving the juvenile justice system. Additionally, the state passes through a portion of the federal Title II Formula Grant funds directly to the tribes. In 2019, the pass-through funds supported the Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Summer Camp hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation, attended by youth from the Oregon tribes. The Camp took place on August 12 -16th, 2019 which included two days of intensive

learning, cultural, recreational, spiritual and artistic opportunities. A full day was devoted to recreational activities such as rafting, horse riding, fishing, jamboree day, canoe carving, arts & crafts, pow-wow and dance.

The YDD supports implementation of Tribal Best Practices that are rooted in Native American traditional culture and promote youth wellbeing, reinforce family and community connections, promote a healthy lifestyle, strengthen school engagement and prevent delinquent behavior.

YDD staff participates in the quarterly Education Cluster, Tribal Health and Human Services Cluster, and Prevention Cluster meetings along with other State agencies.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Youth Development Division has developed several key priorities to serve as a guide:

- The YDD will continue to invest in strategies:
 - that support youth reengagement with education and the workforce,
 - that are innovative, promising, and incorporate evidence-based and tribal best practices, and;
 - that improve education and workforce outcomes and reduce youth crime and recidivism.
- The YDD will continue to conduct analysis to:
 - ensure the reliability and validity of reported outcomes, and
 - assess the effectiveness of YDD funded youth programming using both qualitative and quantitative methods.

CONCLUSION

The Youth Development Division is proud of the work accomplished with tribal governments this year and remains strongly committed to consultation on YDD's services to ensure they are high quality, culturally informed, equitable, and responsive. The YDD highly values its relationship with Oregon tribal governments and the opportunity to participate in the Government-to-Government process. The YDD staff are eager to continue this important work and look forward to that journey.

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