

Community Mental Health Programs
A Success Story for Oregon

Arrests and all associated costs were reduced 70% in 2006 when adults in Oregon received the mental health services they needed to stay in recovery. (2006 Survey of Adults and Caregivers of Children/Adolescents)

This represents huge savings to local law enforcement and local economies, the court system, families and ultimately, to taxpayers.

Fund the Community Services Workgroup plan for
mental health.

Please pass Senate Bills 723 and 881



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A sleeping disorder coupled with a chemical imbalance in his brain reduced Doug's ten-year-old mind to that of a depressed and violent toddler. His family



feared him and didn't know how to help. He might have ended up confined to the Oregon State Hospital, but early diagnosis and treatment gave Doug back his mind, and a family back its son.

(www.trilliumfamily.org, Trillium Family Services, an Oregon mental health provider)

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“Without enhanced community programming, demand for Oregon State Hospital (OSH) beds will substantially exceed projections of size and cost.”

-OSH Framework Master Plan
Phase II Report, page 10

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Make a wise investment.

Community-based mental health services keep newly-released Oregon State Hospital (OSH) patients from returning to the hospital. *Many current patients could leave OSH today if only community-based services were available for them.*

1 day in the Oregon State Hospital = **\$558**

vs.

1 day in community care = **\$21 to \$123**

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