

# WRAPAROUND SERVICES



## WHY DON'T THEY SERVE **ALL** JUVENILE OFFENDERS WITH **DISABILITIES?**

### IN OREGON STATE

"Oregon's Children's System strives to offer a comprehensive continuum of care. We work with communities to build and support trauma-informed treatment programs that can serve mental health needs close to home."

(Oregon.gov, n.d.)

### WHAT ARE WRAPAROUND SERVICES?

Wraparound is an intensive care coordination process for youth with **emotional and behavioral disorders** who are involved in multiple systems.

(Oregon Health Authority, 2016)

### SYSTEMS INVOLVED

- Mental health.
- Addictions.
- Child welfare.
- Intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- Juvenile justice.
- Education.

Can sometimes include...

- Home and/or social relationships.

(Multnomah County, 2020)

### TO QUALIFY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

- 18 years or younger.
- Eligible for Oregon Health Plan.
- Completed/updated mental health assessment within the last 60 days.
- Have a qualifying mental health diagnosis.
- Be involved with multiple systems.

(Multnomah County, 2020)

### WHO ISN'T COVERED?

Youth with disabilities who do **not** have a qualifying mental health diagnosis.

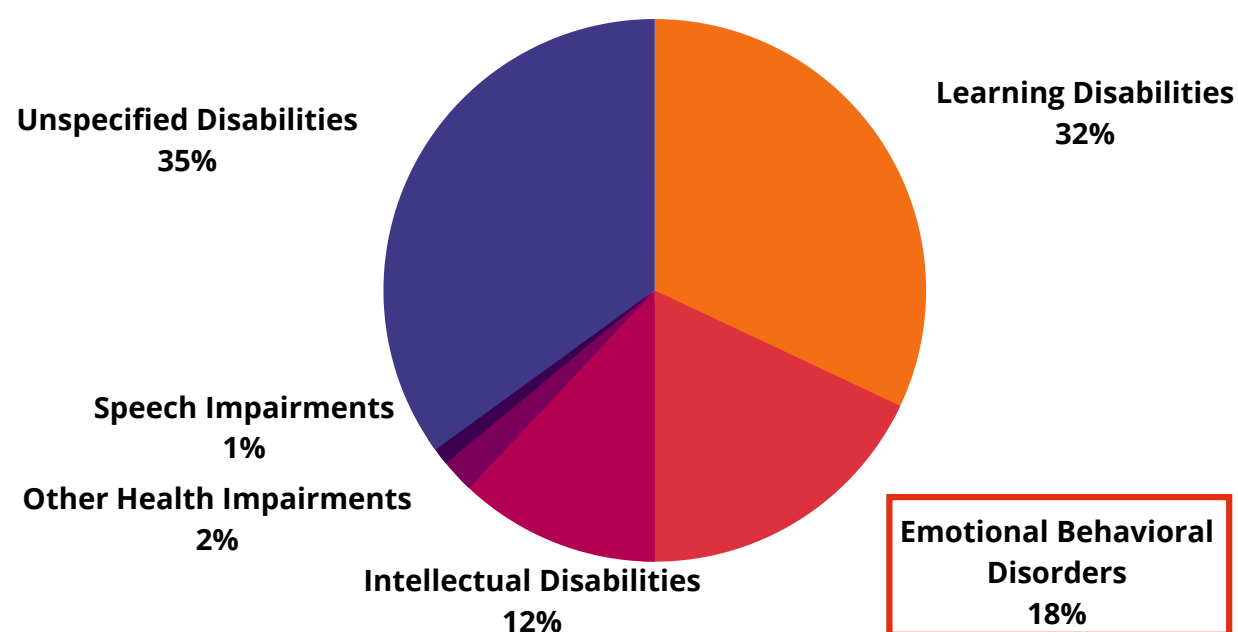
Youth **unable** to get a mental health assessment within 60 days of application.

Youth **not** involved with multiple systems.

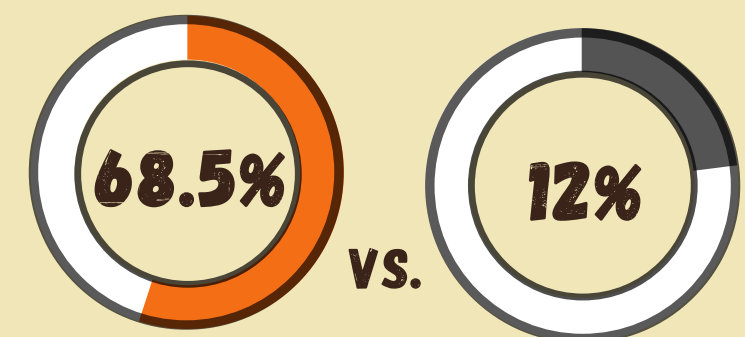
## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Only certain disabilities qualify, which means youth have **unequal access** to services.
- Disabilities are **underdiagnosed**.
- Recidivism rates are **higher** than those of the general population.
- Youth are **less likely** to re-enroll in school or work after release.



Using data from a national study\*, **only 18%** of Multnomah County incarcerated youths with disabilities would qualify for wraparound services.



Youth with disabilities and/or mental health needs comprise **67-70%** of the **incarcerated population**. As opposed to only **12%** of the **general population**.

(Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs, n.d.; Multnomah County, 2020; Sinclair et al., 2017; Unruh et al., 2009; \*Wexler et al., 2014)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?



- Contact your local legislators to advocate for greater equity within Wraparound services.
  - Be professional, concise, and thank them for their service.
- Support local disability rights groups and ask about ways you can help.
- Advocate in your everyday life
  - Post to social media, contact local news, talk to your friends/family.
- Volunteer at organizations that serve juveniles offenders.

(Multnomah County, 2020; O'Neill et al., 2017; Unruh et al., 2009)



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