

Mental Health Investment

The LOC will advocate for adequate resources to protect and enhance the services available to keep persons suffering from mental health issues from going into crisis.

Background

In 2015, the state made several strategic investments in mental health service delivery. First, the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training added two instructors to train police officers in crisis intervention. Second, rental assistance was provided to mental health clients and improvements were made to emergency care.

Finally, a grant program established multi-disciplinary proactive outreach teams that combined law enforcement with mental health professionals. These investments have helped make Oregon a more humane place for those suffering mental disorders.

Desired Outcome

The LOC's minimal goal is that service levels to mental health clients not be reduced. But the LOC also holds an aspirational goal that Oregon expand on its existing efforts to house and treat its mentally ill citizens.