



# Alliance Youth Engagement Proposal



When it comes to youth engagement  
it's vital to remember “Nothing About  
Us, Without Us”

— **James I Charlton**



# Why are Think Tanks crucial to advocacy work?



They create a trauma informed space for youth, where support is adequately provided before, during, and after the think tank

- Highlight that we respect their time and voice through providing accountability



Through avoiding establishing hierarchical power dynamics that will enable youth to be in the driver seat.

- As the youth are the experts in their own experience, the role of the facilitator is to facilitate the think tank and empower the youth.



It is crucial for the host to take complex policy/committee/implementation goals/strategic plans/desired outcomes and make it accessible for 14-24 year old youth to understand

- This allows for the youth involved to become empowered through education when provided the information they need to fully understand the purpose of the event.



# What Meaningful Engagement means to Youth

## Values : YEA Meaningful Youth Engagement Text Activity

A word cloud on a dark blue background featuring various terms related to youth engagement. The most prominent words are 'empowerment', 'important', 'change', 'space', 'needed', and 'think'. Other visible words include 'meaningful', 'engagement', 'challenging', 'possibility', 'comfortable', 'movement', 'inclusion', 'truly', 'resilience', 'heard', 'opportunity', 'joy', 'super', 'vital', 'share', 'words', 'experiences', 'community', 'fun', 'safe', 'reclaiming', 'aid', 'equity', 'voice', 'quiet', 'between', 'powerful', 'equitable', 'mutual', 'youth', 'feeling', 'thoughts', 'creation', 'enough', 'opportunities', 'mind', 'looks', 'everyone', 'people', 'curiosity', 'future', and 'powerful'.



## Although gathering youth feedback is one component of the Think Tank the most important takeaway is the knowledge youth leave with regarding decisions that will impact them and their peers.



### Accountability

- Host checks in with the youth within two weeks of the event
- During the follow-up, youth are thanked for their involvement and time
- Youth are informed of how their feedback has been/ will be used
- An invitation to following events, times/dates of committee meetings and more ways to become involved

# Experience Attending, Planning, and Facilitating Think Tanks

## Attendee

- Very clear and organized presentation.
- They listened to my opinion and feedback also kept me very engaged and made me feel like it was a youth friendly space.

## Planning

- Kept me engaged and made everything clear about what they have done before.
- Emails and zoom calls were very easy to understand, they kept asking me what I thought about this process compared to the other process and kept my voice engaged and my influence was definitely shown in the think tank.

## Facilitating

- We all had a clear outline. They fit me into the perfect spot where I felt comfortable and it felt natural not forced.
- I liked how I was able to speak on the parts that I had influence on. I felt like I was a part of the movement.



# Proposed Plan

## Timeline / Flow of Think Tanks

- Working within Youth availability and schedules.
- Facilitators meet with a committee or advisory group to ask them what they want to hear from youth and young adults about.
- Schedule a couple think tanks for the same subject to allow for more youth and young adults to attend.
- Ask for one member of the committee or advisory group to attend the think tank.
- Present data and information gathered to the committee or advisory group.



# Project Proposal



**Proposal:** Hold think tanks with Committee specific / created questions for youth and each month would focus on a specific committee.



**Rationale:** Youth voice and input is vital to the work the Alliance is doing and we have heard from youth that regular engagement and participation on committees is not realistic or the best way to engage them. Specific, targeted think tanks have been found to be extremely effective when engaging youth and this has previously been implemented by OHA / Youth Era and recently by the Alliance.



**Facilitators:** Nikobi, Karli, Jesus, Hugo, Jenn



**Resources: Request for Alliance to be in charge of distributing stipends**

<b>Total Estimate: 8,400\$</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
<b>Participants</b>	50\$ Stipends for each participant	12 participants per meeting, about 96 participants today, \$50 stipends each <b>= \$4,800</b>
<b>Facilitators</b>	Will receive stipend for for think tank and facilitating + larger stipend for helping to create the think tank	For 12 months of work, they receive \$100 a month each, 3 youth facilitators <b>= \$3,600</b>

# Youth Advocacy Resource Materials

Goal: To provide a comprehensive document explaining the basics of advocacy for youth who are new to the sphere of advocacy work including:

- Key persons List
- Acronyms Explanation List
- How House and Senate Bills work
  - Including explanation of current and past bills
- Committees List
- Explanation of importance of youth advocacy




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## 2023 Leg Session

### Agency Request Budget Process / POPs

**\*UNOFFICIAL, INCOMPLETE, DRAFT,  
NAPKIN MATH\***

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

**TENTATIVE ARB / POP ASK for 2023-2025 Biennium: \$25M**

Worksheet

In the 2019 leg session, if I recall correctly, there was an OHA POP where Ann Kirkwood requested \$13M per biennium for OHA Behavioral Health > Suicide Prevention / Youth Suicide Intervention Prevention Postvention Plan Implementation, including 1FTE position for developing and implementing a 5-year Adult Suicide Prevention Intervention Postvention Plan.

The final LAB (Leg Adopted Budget) was for that request was funded at \$12M per biennium if I recall.

Chelsea Holcomb, Director of Child & Family Unit, reported funding for the other \$1M was identified in the agency

Youth/Young  
Adult (YSIPP) w/  
Child & Family  
Unit

\$	6,000,000	current annual funding (per 2019 legislation)
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**CURRENT FUNDING / CHILD & FAMILY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (YSIPP) per that passage**

\$ 12,000,000 current biennial funding (per 2019 legislation)

**\$6 MILLION PER YEAR >>> \$12 MILLION PER BIENNIUM**

current annual funding per capita within age range per year

For 2019 Population (Ages 0-17 and/or 0-24)

**CURRENT FUNDING / ADULT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (ASIPP) per that passage**

**\$0 PER YEAR >>> \$0 PER BIENNIUM \* except costs of 1FTE for Deb Darmata, Adult Suic Prev**

	2019 Ages 0-17	2019 Ages 0-24	2021* Ages 0-17	2021* Ages 0-24
	866,055	1,243,481	883,763	1,254,739
\$	6.93	\$ 4.83	\$ 6.79	\$ 4.78

Q: Is the older adult suic prev position covered by this funding?

\* demonstrating the change solely due to population increase

Q: Is part of Emily Watson's position covered by this funding?

\* does not account for inflation, wages, cost increases, pandemic impacts, etc. (e.g. time off / sick etc.)

**2019 Population Estimate (July 2019)**

**4,236,400**

**Under 18yo = 20.5%, 18+ = 79.5% (roughly 80%)**

See p26 age breakdown

**0-17 : 866,055**

AGES	POPULATION		SUBTOTALS	

**0-24 : 1,243,481**  
**18+ : 3,370,345**  
**18-24 : 377,426**  
**25+ : 2,992,919**  
**TOTAL: 4,236,400**

0-4	245,314	0-17	866,055	866055
5-9	234,642	0-24	1,243,481	1243481
10-14	242,797			
15-17	143,302			
18-19	110,656			
20-24	266,770			
25-29	288,508	18+	3,370,345	3370345
30-34	288,573	25+	2,992,919	
35-39	290,283	18-24	377,426	
40-44	277,993			
45-49	265,377			
50-54	261,735			
55-59	273,315			
60-64	281,594			
65-69	257,806			
70-74	206,440			
75-79	133,655			
80-84	81,974			
85+	85,666			
TOTAL	4,236,400			

2019 Source:  
<https://www.pdx.edu/population-research/sites/g/files/znlchr3261/files/2020-08/2019%20Annual%20Population%20Report%20Tables.pdf>

### 2021 Population Estimate (July 2021)

**4,266,560**

**Under 18yo = 20.2%, 18+ = 79.8% (roughly 80%)**

0-17 : 861,013

<b>Total Population</b>	4,266,560
<b>Ages 0-17</b>	861,013
<b>Ages 0-17 % of Total Population</b>	20.2
<b>Ages 18-64</b>	2,596,204
<b>Ages 18-64 % of Total Population</b>	60.9

3,405,547

18+ : 3,405,547

Total: 4,266,560

<b>Ages 65 and over</b>	809,343
<b>Ages 65 and over as % of Total Population</b>	18.9

July 2021 Source

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/OR>

<https://www.pdx.edu/population-research/population-estimate-reports>

**2021 Population Estimate (July 2021) 2nd source**  
**4,281,747**

**Under 18yo = 20.6%, 18+ = 79.3% (roughly 80%)**

**0-17 : 883,763**

**0-24 : 1,254,739**

**18+ : 3,397,984**

**18-24 : 370,976**

**25+ : 3,027,008**

**TOTAL: 4,281,747**

age	population	pct
<a href="#">0-4</a>	236,899	5.53%
<a href="#">5-9</a>	242,303	5.66%
<a href="#">10-14</a>	250,245	5.84%
<a href="#">15-17</a>	154,316	3.60%
<a href="#">18-20</a>	160,463	3.75%
<a href="#">21-24</a>	210,513	4.92%
<a href="#">25-34</a>	587,658	13.72%
<a href="#">35-44</a>	573,122	13.39%
<a href="#">45-54</a>	524,893	12.26%
<a href="#">55-64</a>	539,214	12.59%
<a href="#">65-74</a>	492,702	11.51%
<a href="#">75-84</a>	223,514	5.22%
<a href="#">85+</a>	85,905	2.01%

0-17

18-24

18+

25+

0=24

0-18

20.63%

0-24

29.30%

25+%

70.70%

July 2021 Source

<https://www.centraloregonhealthdata.org/utilities/index/termsofuse>

TOTAL: 4,281,747

**2023 AGENCY REQUEST / BIENNIUM FUNDING** (initial per meeting OAPS prioritization mid January 2022)

**\$25 MILLION COMBINED CHILDREN & ADULT**

Youth/Young Adult (YSIPP) w/ Child & Family Unit

**\$5 MILLION ADDITIONAL per biennium CHILD & FAM BH SUICIDE PREV (YSIPP)**

\$ 6,000,000 current annual funding (per 2019 legislation)

Adding \$2.5 Million per year / \$5 Million per biennium >> total \$8.5 Million per year, \$17 Million per Biennium

\$ 12,000,000 current biennial funding (per 2019 legislation)

**\$20 MILLION NEW per biennium ADULT BH SUICIDE PREV (ASIPP)**

current annual funding per capita within age range per year

Starting \$10 Million per year / \$20 Million per biennium

	2019 Ages 0-17	2019 Ages 0-24	2021* Ages 0-17	2021* Ages 0-24
	866,055	1,243,481	883,763	1,254,739
	\$ 6.93	\$ 4.83	\$ 6.79	\$ 4.78

2019 population (for funding level comparison)

**18+ : 3,370,345**

\* demonstrating the change solely due to population increase



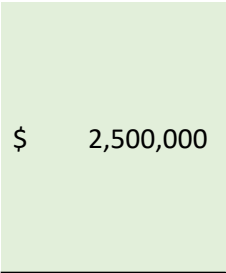
\* does not account for inflation, wages, cost increases, pandemic impacts, etc. (e.g. time off / sick etc.)

25+ : 2,992,919

2021 population (for funding level comparison)

Youth/Young Adult (YSIPP) w/ Child & Family Unit

18+ : 3,397,984



\$ 2,500,000

desired added annual funding (ARB POP for 2023-5 biennium)

25+ : 3,027,008

\$ 5,000,000

current plus desired biennium funding (ARB POP 2023-5)

desired added annual funding per capita within age range per year

2019 Ages 0-17	2019 Ages 0-24	2021* Ages 0-17	2021* Ages 0-24
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866,055	1,243,481	883,763	1,254,739
\$ 2.89	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.83	\$ 1.99

\* demonstrating the change solely due to population increase

\* does not account for inflation, wages, cost increases, pandemic impacts, etc. (e.g. time off / sick etc.)

Youth/Young Adult (YSIPP) w/ Child & Family Unit

\$ 6,000,000

current annual funding (per 2019 legislation)

\$ 2,500,000 desired added annual funding (ARB POP for 2023-5 biennium)

\$ 8,500,000 current plus desired annual funding

\$ 17,000,000 current plus desired biennium funding (ARB POP 2023-5)

**current plus desired annual funding per capita within age range per year**

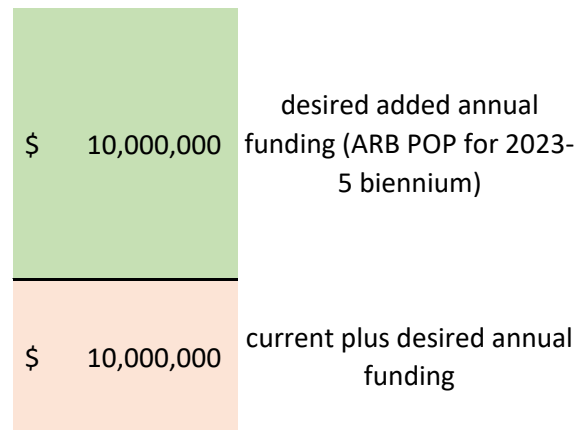
2019	2019	2021*	2021*
Ages 0-17	Ages 0-24	Ages 0-17	Ages 0-24
866,055	1,243,481	883,763	1,254,739
\$ 9.81	\$ 6.84	\$ 9.62	\$ 6.77

\* demonstrating the change solely due to population increase

\* does not account for inflation, wages, cost increases, pandemic impacts, etc. (e.g. time off / sick etc.)

Adult (ASIPP)  
w/Adult BH

\$ - current annual funding (per 2019 legislation / excluding 1FTE)



current plus desired  
 \$ 20,000,000 biennium funding (ARB POP  
 2023-5)

**desired added  
 annual funding  
 per capita within  
 age range per  
 year**

2019 Ages 18+	2019 Ages 25+	2021* Ages 18+	2021* Ages 25+
3,370,345	2,992,919	3,397,984	3,027,008
\$ 2.97	\$ 3.34	\$ 2.94	\$ 3.30

\* demonstrating the  
 change solely due to  
 population increase

\* does not account for  
 inflation, wages, cost  
 increases, pandemic  
 impacts, etc. (e.g. time off /  
 sick etc.)

**ALTERNATIVE AMOUNT #1  
based just on population ratio  
Ages 0-17 vs 18+**

Adult (ASIPP)  
w/Adult BH

Population ages 0-17 is roughly  
20%, 18+ roughly 80%

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Therefore, 4\* the 0-17  
population

Therefore, 4\* the combined  
annual funding desired would  
be

\$ 34,000,000 desired added annual  
funding (ARB POP for 2023-  
5 biennium)

\$ 68,000,000 desired added biennial  
funding (ARB POP for 2023-  
5 biennium)

alt'v1: desired added annual  
funding per capita within age  
range per year

<b>2019</b>
<b>Ages 18+</b>
<b>3,370,345</b>
<b>\$ 10.09</b>

<b>2021*</b>	<b>2023**</b>	<b>2024**</b>
<b>Ages 18+</b>	<b>Ages 18+</b>	<b>Ages 18+</b>
<b>3,397,984</b>	<b>3,491,144</b>	<b>3,531,547</b>
<b>\$ 10.01</b>	<b>\$ 9.74</b>	<b>\$ 9.63</b>

\* demonstrating the  
change solely due to  
population increase

\* does not account for  
inflation, wages, cost  
increases, pandemic  
impacts, etc. (e.g. time off /  
sick etc.)

\*\* Estimated population

**ALTERNATIVE AMOUNT #2**  
**based just on population ratio**  
**Ages 0-24 vs 25+**

Adult (ASIPP)  
w/Adult BH

Population ages 0-24 is roughly  
29%, 25+ roughly 71%

3.4

Therefore, 3.4\* the 0-24  
population

Therefore, 3.4\* the combined  
annual funding desired would  
be

\$ 28,900,000 desired added annual  
funding (ARB POP for 2023-  
5 biennium)

\$ 57,800,000 desired added biennial  
funding (ARB POP for 2023-  
5 biennium)



alt'v2: desired added annual  
funding per capita within age  
range per year

2019	2021*	2023**
Ages 25+	Ages 25+	Ages 25+
2,992,919	3,027,008	3,123,717
\$ 9.66	\$ 9.55	\$ 9.25

\* demonstrating the  
change solely due to  
population increase

\* does not account for  
inflation, wages, cost  
increases, pandemic  
impacts, etc. (e.g. time off /  
sick etc.)

\*\* Estimated population

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**2023, 2024, 2025 POPULATION PROJECTIONS  
FOR OREGON**

<https://www.oregon.gov/das/OEA/Documents/appendixc.pdf>

See page 55

2023 4,331,100  
 2024 4,366,900  
 2025 4,404,000

	2023	2024	2025
0-4	206,358	205,614	206,822
5-9	236,599	232,564	227,044
10-14	244,457	243,960	244,075
15-19	254,237	255,359	256,398
20-24	265,733	266,093	265,467
<b>Ages 0-24 total:</b>	<b>1,207,384</b>	<b>1,203,590</b>	<b>1,199,806</b>
25-29	297,229	297,417	298,777
30-34	328,129	331,509	331,230
35-39	297,736	303,556	311,122
40-44	288,005	293,700	296,581
45-49	263,911	268,444	275,205
50-54	265,988	264,877	262,361
55-59	249,782	249,757	254,585
60-64	270,447	268,499	264,181
65-69	269,462	267,953	267,945
70-74	234,685	241,023	245,948
75-79	167,126	176,361	187,429
80-84	99,564	105,852	111,411
85+	91,653	94,363	97,419
<b>Ages 25+ total:</b>	<b>3,123,717</b>	<b>3,163,311</b>	<b>3,204,194</b>
<b>All ages total:</b>	<b>4,331,100</b>	<b>4,366,900</b>	<b>4,404,000</b>

Ages 15-17 est  
 Ages 0-17 est  
 Ages 18+ est







883,763	883763
370,976	370976
3,397,984	3397984
3,027,008	3027008
1,254,739	1254739



















2025\*\*

Ages 18+

3,572,220

\$ 9.52



2024**	2025**
Ages 25+	Ages 25+
3,163,311	3,204,194
\$ 9.14	\$ 9.02

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2023	2024	2025
206,358	205,614	206822
236,599	232,564	227044
244,457	243,960	244075
<b>152,542</b>	<b>153,215</b>	<b>153,839</b>
<b>839,956</b>	<b>835,353</b>	<b>831,780</b>
<b>3,491,144</b>	<b>3,531,547</b>	<b>3,572,220</b>