



## **A Roadmap to In and Out-of-State Residential Placements and the Services They Provide:**

**In-state and out-of-state residential placements:** There are many residential placement facilities nationwide. While most Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS) and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services (PTRS) placements are made by referral from the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Child Welfare determines placement.

**What may lead to residential placement:** Upon entering care, there are many circumstances that may lead to placement in a residential facility. A few of those events are as follows:

- ◆ the child needs Developmental Disability (DD) services
- ◆ there are insufficient, less-restrictive placements available
- ◆ the child has numerous failed, family foster-care placements
- ◆ the child needs Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS)
- ◆ the child needs Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services (PRTS)

**Services available in many residential facilities:** The services provided by residential facilities vary. A number of facilities provide individual behavioral services and supports, such as individual counseling, group counseling, etc. Others may provide developmental disability (DD) services, sex offender treatment services, and/or intensive mental health services. Nearly all residential facilities provide an in-house educational setting to allow every child to work towards achieving educational benchmarks.

**The reports you may see:** You will likely see a number of progress reports in a variety of formats. The reports may be completed on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

**How the reports will assist you in making the related findings:** Placement of the youth will be considered in a number of findings. Here are a couple of examples:

- ◆ **Finding #2:** Has DHS made diligent efforts to place the child with a relative or person who has a caregiver relationship? - *consideration: Was there a less -restrictive, relative placement that could provide the appropriate services to the youth?*
- ◆ **Finding #3:** Has DHS ensured the appropriate services are in place to safeguard the child's safety, health, and well-being? - *consideration: Can the facility provide the child with the necessary, child-specific services (mental health services, sex offender treatment, etc.)? Can the facility ensure familial contact and age-appropriate activities for the youth? How does placement in a residential facility effect the youth's mental health?*

