

Deschutes Civic Assembly on Youth Homelessness Key Recommendations - “County Role” Discussion with the BOCC

Note – The “Proposed Deschutes County Role” column was filled in by County staff as a starting point for discussion with the Board.

In general, the following categories were applied:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy – there is a potential role for County advocacy • n/a – the County has historically not weighed in on topic <u>or</u> there is a clearly defined lead agency that is not the County <u>or</u> the recommendation is broad with an undetermined lead agency • TBD – most appropriate for Board discussion to determine County role • Leadership role – fits in with County primary work/role

#	Recommendation	Civic Assembly Proposed Deschutes County Role	County staff Proposed Deschutes County Role
1.	Develop programs to help 18-year-olds transition out of the foster care system.	Advocacy	Advocacy
2.	A central hub: rec center run by Parks and Rec; safe place for at-risk teens; designated space for programs and non-governmental organizations to allow teens to access benefits at one central location.	Advocacy	n/a
3.	Improve foster care system.	Advocacy	Advocacy
4.	Schools follow up on students intentionally if not present in school for 10 days.	Advocacy	n/a
5.	Childcare support for families with young children to help break the cycle of poverty.	Advocacy	Advocacy
6.	Allow overrule of the 10-day drop rule (schools unenrolling students who have 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences).	Advocacy	n/a

7.	Public awareness of available sources and who to contact for more information.	Education	n/a
8.	Expand public transit.	Action	TBD
9.	Provide permanent and dedicated funding to J Bar J.	Advocacy	n/a
10.	Allow FAN advocates to give families hotspots/internet access and provide funding for this.	Advocacy	n/a
11.	Redefine Oregon DHS objective of reunification of families and incorporate the voice of the youth affected.	Advocacy	n/a
12.	Create another civic assembly dedicated to the housing affordability crisis.	Action	Advocacy
13.	Vocational schools and/or programs.	Advocacy	n/a
14.	Provide education on homelessness and human trafficking.	Advocacy	Advocacy
15.	Training for adults who interact with unhoused youth.	Action	n/a
16.	Prioritize funding for inpatient psychiatric care for minors.	Action	Leadership role
17.	Mandatory financial literacy and critical thinking classes for students.	Advocacy	n/a
18.	Marketing to caregivers letting them know they can access resources without jeopardizing their families.	Education	n/a
19.	Give non-governmental organizations the ability to be flexible with how they spend their funds.	Advocacy	n/a
20.	Reform local housing policy to serve local community members and foster sustainable growth for all.	Action	Advocacy
21.	Direct Deschutes County and the CHRO to dedicate funding to partner with J Bar J and other non-governmental organizations to educate the general public about youth homelessness and prevention.	Action	TBD
22.	N/A (this number was skipped).	--	--
23.	Create a process/service to allow people who are homeless to quickly get government identification, birth certificate, social security card.	Advocacy	n/a