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Oregon Youth Authority seeks Coos County foster homes

Monica Picatti says it happens several times a year. She receives a call seeking an Oregon Youth Authority foster care placement for a Coos County youth, but has to make a referral to foster care that may be as far away as Salem or Portland.

“I know these are good homes,” Picatti says of distant placements, “but sending youth far from their home counties means less family contact and a loss of school and community supports with which the youth is familiar.” Coos County currently has four OYA foster care homes.

Picatti says the state juvenile corrections agency is seeking additional foster homes in the area where she is OYA’s foster care certifier, which incorporates Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties. The five counties together have only six foster care providers.

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Oregon Youth Authority seeks Curry County foster homes

Monica Picatti says it happens several times a year. She receives a call seeking an Oregon Youth Authority foster care placement for a Curry County youth, but has to make a referral to foster care that may be as far away as Salem or Portland.

“I know these are good homes,” Picatti says of distant placements, “but sending youth far from their home counties means less family contact and a loss of school and community supports with which the youth is familiar.” Curry County currently has no OYA foster care homes.

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Oregon Youth Authority seeks Deschutes County foster homes

Deschutes, the most populous county in central and eastern Oregon, has no Oregon Youth Authority foster homes. So when an OYA youth from Deschutes County is in need of foster care, the nearest placement is more than 100 miles away.

“We see the significant positive impact foster parents make no matter where they are,” says Sarah Caskey, OYA foster care certifier for Deschutes and nine other counties. “Yet we know youth are better served if the foster placement is near their family, familiar school and community resources, and where treatment involving both the youth and biological family can occur.”

Caskey serves Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, Gilliam, Hood River, Klamath, Lake Wheeler, Sherman and Wasco counties, an area with only two OYA foster homes. She says the state juvenile corrections agency is seeking additional foster homes for youth ages 12-18 who are on probation or parole, need an out-of-home placement, may be in various stages of treatment for their offenses and for whom an evaluation has shown foster care to be appropriate.

Caskey says foster parents make a real difference in young lives, assisting with school and jobs, supporting volunteering and modeling positive behavior, choices and family life. For example, she works with one foster home that welcomed a youth who was virtually illiterate. Two years later, the teen was on the high school dean's list and lettering in a sport in which he achieved a statewide ranking.

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understanding of how to help youth build positive relationships and live independently.

Foster parents receive a monthly maintenance reimbursement for services they provide to youth. OYA is seeking new foster homes that would each serve one youth.

Caskey says people who would like more information may contact her at sarah.caskey@oya.state.or.us or at 541-388-6155 ext. 227.

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Oregon Youth Authority seeks Douglas County foster homes

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“I know these are good homes,” Picatti says of distant placements, “but sending youth far from their home counties means less family contact and a loss of school and community supports with which the youth is familiar.” Douglas County currently has no OYA foster care homes.

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