Oregon Positive Youth Development Alliance

An inclusive body of state and local governmental agencies, community nonprofit youth-serving agencies, youth, businesses, and faith-based organizations committed to acting as stewards and advocates to highlight, promote and implement positive youth development strategies that will increase resources, social supports and opportunities for all children and youth in Oregon.

Expectations:

- The Oregon Positive Youth Development Alliance will meet once or twice a year to identify strategies, actions, possible resources and/or policy options packets to support local PYD efforts.
- Responsible for ongoing promotion, implementation, sustainability and shared outcomes related to positive youth development in youth-serving programs and local community projects.
- Influence, share expertise and other resources to support the sustainability of PYD in Oregon.

Positive Youth Development Coordinating Team (Steering Committee)

- The PYD Alliance Coordinating Team will consist of PYD chairs of the Action Committee Teams (sub-committees), key state agencies, local nonprofit youth-serving agencies, youth, OCCF/LCCF, businesses, tribal or faith-based organizations. Members will include those who have decision making authority or spheres of influence within their networks, agencies, or groups (membership up to 15 individuals). The PYD Alliance Coordinating Team will serve as the Steering committee for the Oregon PYD Alliance.

Expectations:

- The Positive Youth Development Coordinating Team will be responsible for ongoing review and development of policies/practices; and develop strategies to increase resources to support local and state positive youth development efforts. Outreach and recruit potential new members to participate in the Oregon PYD Alliance in partnership with other state and local partners.
- Partners will share in the chairing of the Coordinating Team on a rotational basis for 12-18 months.
- Coordinate, oversee, modify and monitor progress of the Oregon Positive Youth Development strategy recommendations completed by the Action Teams (Committees).
- Each partner agency or group will sign a Memorandum of Understanding related to time commitment and areas of responsibility as a member of the PYD Alliance Coordinating Team.
- The PYD Coordinating Team members will commit their expertise, resources, advocacy and ongoing promotion; and they will implement PYD approaches within their systems or communities.
- The PYD Coordinating Team will meet at least once a quarter (four to six times per year) in person or via conference call if applicable for 2-2½ hours.

PYD Action Teams (Sub-Committees)

The PYD Action Teams will consist of various members from state, local agencies, nonprofits, youth and other partners working on similar PYD efforts in local communities/regions throughout Oregon.

- **Youth Engagement** – Promote and implement activities that support authentic youth engagement in local, regional and state decision-making processes and community projects (e.g., Youth Leadership Summit, Develop County/Regional Youth Councils, State Youth Commission, etc.)
- **Positive Youth Development Professional Development Training and Certification** – Review Curricula, develop training and methodology to provide ongoing training to front-line youth workers and state agencies to improve program practices and youth outcomes.
- **PYD Data Collection and Evaluation** – Identify current evaluation tools that local youth serving agencies can use to measure positive youth development outcomes. Identify specific PYD data to collect from community youth-serving agencies to determine effectiveness of PYD approaches in addressing youth-related issues.

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