

## Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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**Date:** February 19, 2015

**Topic:** Oregon Community Based Care Communities – 2014 Survey

**Provider:**  APD (Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities)  
 DD (Developmental Disabilities)

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Recently Portland State University's Institute on Aging sent surveys randomly to approximately one third of Oregon's adult foster homes. If you received one of these surveys and have not yet responded, this Alert and the following two pages are for you.

Please complete and return your Oregon Community-Based Care Survey to Portland State University's Institute on Aging by **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Completing a survey is not required but we encourage providers to do so. This is an opportunity for you to help us collect accurate data about adult foster homes as a community-based care setting. Thank you!





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Date: February 19, 2015

To: Adult Foster Home Providers

From: DHS – Office of Licensing and Regulatory Oversight

Subject: Thank You and Deadline Reminder - Oregon Community-Based Care Survey

Summary: This is a reminder to all adult foster home providers to complete and return the Oregon Community-Based Care Survey to Portland State University's Institute on Aging by **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. For those who have returned their completed survey, thank you for helping with this important project.

Recently, Portland State University's Institute on Aging (PSU) sent you an important survey about your residents and services. Thank you to the many providers who have returned your survey—your support of this important effort is very much appreciated. For those who have yet to respond to the survey, please do so by Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) asked PSU to collect information about community-based care settings. A strong response from providers will produce the most accurate and complete report. This is the first state-wide survey of adult foster homes and we want to describe the important work that you do.

The findings will help State employees understand more about people who live in adult foster homes. The report will include information that owners might use to compare their homes to state-wide averages. Your answers are confidential and will never be associated with your home. Your answers will be combined with those from other participating providers, and the results will be reported as summaries.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the PSU Community-Based Care Research Project office at 503-725-5236 or [cbcor@pdx.edu](mailto:cbcor@pdx.edu). If you would like to answer the questions by telephone, please let us know and one of our staff will contact you.

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**Adult Foster Homes**  
**Oregon Community Based Care Communities – 2014 Survey**  
Frequently Asked Questions

**What is this survey about? / What is the purpose of this survey?**

This survey is a way to provide information on all community-based care providers throughout the state of Oregon. As more people live longer lives, we need to understand what kinds of care they need. The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) needs to know more about the services residents need in order to best plan future programs for the elderly and persons with disabilities. To produce a good report, we need your help!

**What kinds of questions are in the survey?**

The survey asks questions that will help us learn more about resident needs, their age, how long they live in an adult foster home, and the services you provide.

**Who else is participating in this survey project?**

In addition to adult foster home providers, similar information is being collected from assisted living, residential care and memory care communities in Oregon. While this survey has been conducted before, this is the first time adult foster home providers have been included. We're excited to learn more about adult foster homes and their residents through this survey.

**Why am I receiving this from Portland State University?**

Portland State University's Institute on Aging has been asked to help DHS collect this information from licensed providers.

**How do I know this study is legitimate?**

You may contact your local Licensor to verify the validity of this survey.

**I lost my questionnaire, can I get another copy?**

Yes! Please call Max at 503.725.9947 and let him know if you prefer a survey to be sent via mail or email. Tell him where to send it and he'll get it out to you right away!

**I own or operate more than one adult care home. Should I respond for all of the adult care homes that I own or operate?**

No. Please provide answers on the survey for *only the address on the envelope* in which the survey was sent. This particular address has been selected at random for this study.

**Can I complete this survey over the phone?**

Yes! We'd love to talk with you to complete the survey over the phone. Please call Jackie at 503.725.5236 if you'd like to complete the survey over the phone.