

Oregon BCC Program - Guiding Principles

In 1994, the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition identified the following principles to provide guidance in developing and expanding the BCC Program.

- g** The goal of the BCC Program is to promote early detection of breast and cervical cancer for all women in Oregon in order to detect cancers at earlier and more treatable stages.
- g** The BCC Program identifies and works to remove barriers to screening (e.g., monetary issues, inadequate systems for honoring cultural concerns, inadequate provider education, insufficient provider systems).
- g** The BCC Program is committed to establishing a community-based infrastructure for education and screening for early detection of breast and cervical cancer which will continue even if federal funding is no longer available for screening services. This infrastructure should include all relevant health care systems with an emphasis on prevention and development of collaborative relationships with primary providers.
- g** Delivery of BCC education and screening services will be community-based and will involve public/private partnerships. Most screening services will be delivered in a clinical setting that routinely offers a full range of primary care services; therefore, most services will be delivered by private providers rather than local health departments.
- g** The BCC Program will offer a comprehensive **AWomen’s Health Check** exam so that screening services are delivered within the broader context of a woman’s overall health.
- g** BCC screening services will be targeted to women who have been identified as being most in need of screening services, i.e., women ages 50+, women with low incomes, and women with no insurance or inadequate coverage for designated services.
- g** The BCC Program will maintain and enhance the strengths and resources that the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Oregon tribes, local health departments, and other providers have already developed throughout Oregon.
- g** The BCC Program will collaborate with other organizations and providers to develop a seamless system which is user-friendly for both women and their providers.