

# In 2000 the citizens of Oregon voted to amend the State Constitution to create the *Oregon Home Care Commission*.



## MISSION

- ❖ To define the qualifications of homecare workers.
- ❖ To create and maintain a statewide registry of homecare workers.
- ❖ To provide training opportunities for homecare workers and consumers.
- ❖ To serve as the "employer of record" for purposes of collective bargaining for homecare workers who are paid from public funds.

## HOMECARE WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM

The Oregon Home Care Commission has a statewide training program for homecare workers to enhance their skills and the quality of services that they provide to seniors and people with disabilities.



## HOMECARE WORKER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Training classes, printed resources, and monthly newsletter
- ❖ CPR/First Aid certification
- ❖ Professional Development Recognition
- ❖ Peer Mentoring Program  
(Pilot program in Washington and Multnomah counties)

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## CONSUMER/EMPLOYER TRAINING PROGRAM STEPS TO SUCCESS WITH YOUR HOMECARE WORKER

The Oregon Home Care Commission partners with the **State Independent Living Council** to provide employer skills to consumers that utilize homecare workers through the Client–Employed Provider Program, Oregon Project Independence, State Plan Personal Care, and the Spousal Pay Program.

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## REGISTRY AND REFERRAL SYSTEM

The Oregon Home Care Commission developed, implemented, and manages a **Registry and Referral System** (RRS) that matches employers with available homecare workers to provide routine, emergency, and respite care for individuals who need these services to remain in their homes. The **RRS** is available 24/7 on the Internet and is located at [https:// www.or-hcc.org](https://www.or-hcc.org).

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## DRUG-FREE POLICY

The **Oregon Home Care Commission** and **Service Employees International Union** (SEIU) Local 503 are committed to protecting the safety, health, and well-being of consumers of in-home services and homecare workers through a drug-free workplace policy.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Oregon Home Care Commission is addressing its role in emergency preparedness as it relates to the homecare worker and the consumer/ employer.

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Oregon Home Care Commission assists homecare workers to file and process workers' compensation injury claims. These workers are represented by the **Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503**.

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## MEETINGS

- ❖ Oregon Home Care Commission (first Thursday of each month)
- ❖ Training Committee
- ❖ Registry Committee
- ❖ Drug-Free Policy Committee
- ❖ Emergency Preparedness Committee
- ❖ Legislative Committee

## COMMISSIONERS

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## ENSURING QUALITY



## IN-HOME SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

