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Happy Social Worker Month to all the amazing

Social Workers in our HIV Community!!



Next Meeting

March 10th

9-10:30 a.m. 800 NE Oregon

Kim Hutchinson, MS RN Clinical Services Manager at Central City Concern

Update on the Blackburn Building and CCC Services

## From Social Security Administration Regional Public Affairs Office Community Outreach

April is Financial Literacy Month, a month focused on educating people about the importance of planning for a secure financial future. Social Security is a vital part of any financial plan, and we have online tools to help you understand your potential Social Security benefits and how they fit into your financial plans.

You should periodically review your *Social Security Statement* through your personal *my* Social Security account at <a href="www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount">www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount</a>. Your *Statement* is an easy-to-read record of your earnings that determine your future benefits. You'll want to verify that your recorded earnings are correct as they affect the amount you could receive. Your *Statement* also provides a summary of the estimated benefits you and your family could receive, including potential retirement, disability, and survivors benefits. The online *Statement* is paired with an interactive Retirement Calculator that allows you to run additional benefit estimate scenarios comparing how different future earnings and retirement benefit start dates affect your benefit amount.

Start focusing on your financial literacy today. Log in to your *my* Social Security account and view your *Statement*. If you don't have an account, create one at <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount">www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount</a>.

### **Resources on Coronavirus**

OHA has created a number of resources to help explain ways we can prevent the spread and how to take care of ourselves.

## For updates refer to:

https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/ Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx

## How can I avoid getting the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Right now, the risk of getting the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low in the U.S.

Steps you can take to prevent the spread of flu and the common cold can also help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.



Wash your hands often with soap and water.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.



Avoid contact with sick people and stay home if you're sick.



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

For more information visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus





Join us Friday, March 13th for the National Transgender HIV Testing Week/ Day Planning Meeting for 2020!

1:30-3:30 p.m. at Planned Parenthood **3727 NE MLK** 

**ASL** interpretation will be available

**Call in option:** 

Dial-in number: 877-256-3796

Guest Code: 598723

Be part of planning a meaningful community building event that celebrates the diversity and strength of the transgender and gender nonconforming community!

Join SMYRC for the Youth Event on Friday, April 17th https://www.facebook.com/events/198858014672351/

# National Transgender **HIV Awareness & Testing Day Youth Event**



Workshops & **Education!** 

**APRIL 17TH, 4-8PM** Where: SMYRC 1220 SW Columbia St. Portland OR 97201



**ASL and Spanish** Interpretation will be provided Then join on Saturday, April 18th for the Adult and Family Friendly Event at PCC NE Cascade Campus https://www.facebook.com/events/2639691832826243/

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

National Transgender HIV Awareness & Testing

Day Event

WHEN: APRIL 18TH, 2020 TIME: 11-4PM
WHERE: PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CASCADE CAMPUS, STUDENT UNION
5575 N ALBINA AVE, PORTLAND OR 97217

ASL and Spanish Interpretation will be provided



FREE Drop-In
HIV/Syphilis/Hep C
Testing

Performances and Entertainment

Workshops & Education

## RESERVA LA FECHA

Día Nacional de Concientización y Hacerse la Prueba del VIH para Personas Transgénero

**CUÁNDO: 18 DE ABRIL 2020, 11-4PM** DÓNDE: PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE **CASCADE CAMPUS, STUDENT UNION** 5575 N ALBINA, PORTLAND OR 97217

Interpretes para español y ASL (Lenguaje de Señas Americano)



Pruebas sin cita y SIN **COSTO del VIH y ETS** 

> **Actuaciones y Entretenimiento**

Talleres y Educación

On April 30th Dine Out to support Partnership Project and the HIV Day Center and those living with HIV!

Click here for a list of participating restaurants!

IF YOU CAN'T DINE OUT ON APRIL 30TH YOU CAN STILL SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY DONATING TO **DINING OUT FOR LIFE PORTLAND** 

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In an effort to remain aware of all of our programmatic and staff changes throughout the HIV community in Oregon we would like to collect and share that information.

Programmatic & staff changes should be sent to lagermes@ohsu.edu by the last Wednesday of the month.

## Cascade AIDS Project

- Owen O'Neill is now the Peer Support Team Lead
- Rob Ingwerson (previous Peer Support Specialist) is CAP's new .5 FTE HIV/STI Testing Counselor. In this role Rob will provide testing, linkage to care services, and support to our Pivot team.
- Kyle McQuillan is moving into the Housing Program Assistant role. coordinating medical motels, entering all the TriMet Fare Relief data into a specialized database, CAREWare uploading, Reception and Service Center coverage, and a variety of other tasks
- Kristen Cedar, CAP Housing Services Team Lead will ve moving to Multnomah County HIV Clinic as a medical case manager.
- Zeke Martin-Brunkhart (he, him, his) and Sofia Suarez (she, her, hers) CAPs new housing retention peers
- Chris Altavilla (she/her/hers pronouns) as CAP's new Clinical Quality Manager at Prism Health
- Sadie Oliver-Grey [she/her/hers], our new Housing Services Specialist at the CAP-Davis St. Office. Her first day will be Monday, March 16, 2020.

## **HIV Alliance**

## Welcomes:

- Wesley Lucas Supportive Housing Navigator, Eugene
- Chandler Jordan Peer Support Specialist, Eugene
- Ashlee Willson Housing Finance Coordinator, Eugene
- Amy Smith (will be starting 2/24/20) Nurse Case Manager, Eugene
- Leticia Chavez Bilingual Care Coordinator in Salem office
- Laura Montoya Bilingual Care Coordinator in Salem office
- Sara Pyle Supportive Housing Program Manager (Lane Co)
- Hernan Gonzalez Jeronimo Bilingual Intake Coordinator in Eugene office
- Scott Warner Bilingual Employment Specialist (Eugene Office)

### **HIV Alliance**

#### **Says Farewell:**

- Eric Garaby and Alejandra Miranda are no longer with the agency. Replacement plan has already been completed with the hiring of Leticia Chavez and Laura Montoya
- Nicole Long In the process of hiring a Roseburg Intake Coordinator

### **HIV Alliance Program Updates**

Currently in development is Supportive Housing Program, which will involve intensive case management and provide housing for high acuity clients.

## **Multnomah County HIV Clinic**

#### **Welcomes:**

Shane Wilson (he/him) is our newest Patient Navigator. His first day is 2/18/20.



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