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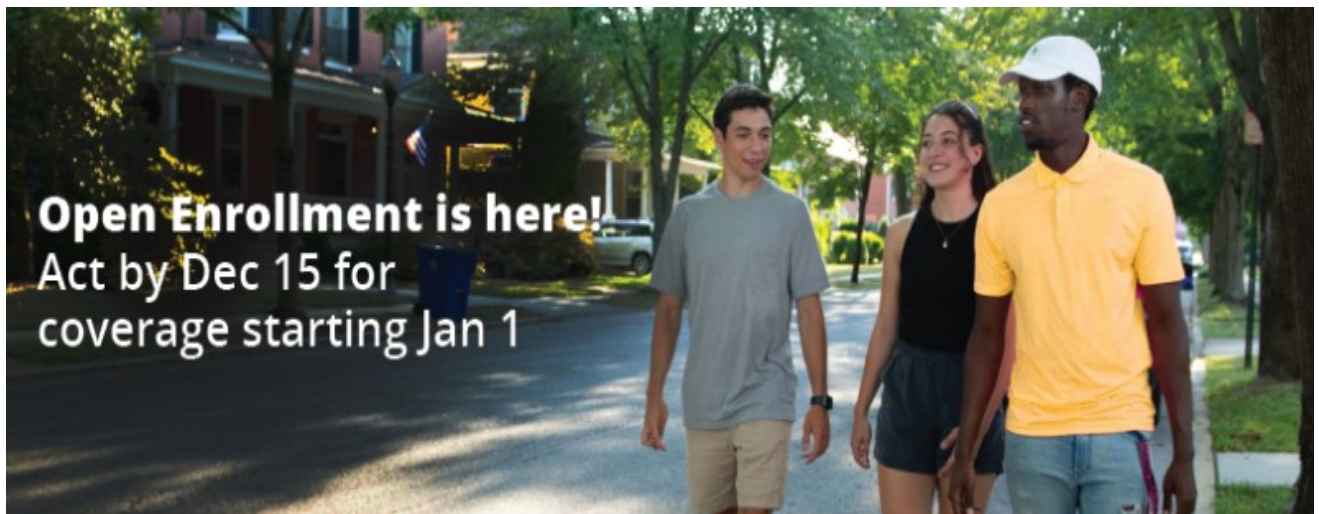
OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT

Happy Open Enrollment!!



Next Meeting
November 9th
For meeting link email
nathe@ohsu.edu

[Open Enrollment](#) started November 1st and goes until January 15th! In order for coverage to begin January 1st enroll by December 15th. If you enroll between December 15th and January 15th, your coverage will begin February 1st.



Message from the Social Security Administration—You Can Help People Who Face Barriers to Service

People who struggle with low-income, limited English proficiency, homelessness, mental illness, and other challenges have historically relied on getting help in person from Social Security.

During much of the pandemic, Social Security offices have been open only for in-person appointments for limited, critical situations, depending upon local office conditions. These measures help protect the health and safety of its employees and the public they serve.

Social Security has continued to offer many services on their website that are secure and easy to use. And their representatives have continued to help people by telephone on their National 800 Number and when calling a local office. Many underserved people face barriers to service when unable to access or use the internet or telephones to get the help they need. Social Security understands this and is asking for your help.

If you know someone who cannot use Social Security's online services at www.ssa.gov, please encourage them to [call their local office or the National 800 Number for assistance](#). If Social Security cannot help them by phone, the local office can determine if an in-person appointment or other option may be available to help.

To serve those who need more help, Social Security is partnering with community and faith-based groups on a national outreach campaign. The goal of the campaign is to increase public awareness of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefit programs and to support third-party groups that can help others apply for benefits. The SSI and SSDI programs provide critical financial assistance, and, in many cases, grant access to healthcare and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

Key components of Social Security's outreach campaign include:

Working with community and faith-based groups: Your group can make all the difference in the lives of people in your community. You can assist with taking applications for SSI or refer people to Social Security. Interested in helping someone submit a claim for SSI? Please [contact the Social Security Regional Communications Director](#) for your state to learn how.

Online tools and informational pages that your organization can use and refer to, including:

- Resources for people helping others access Social Security services at www.ssa.gov/thirdparty.
- Outreach materials for partner groups working with people who face barriers to service at www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/groups/vulnerable-populations.html.
- Updated information for faith-based and community groups, including a new toolkit and fact sheets about SSI and SSDI, at www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/groups/faithandcommunity.html.

- A national advertising campaign on TV, radio, and social media, with emphasis on benefits for children with disabilities.
- Social Security collaborated with members of the claimant advocacy community on this campaign. Their voice is reflected throughout the campaign, ensuring support groups like yours have the resources needed to be successful and help those you care about.

In addition to the valuable resources above, Social Security encourages you to also visit its [Information for Groups and Organizations web page](#) and related [What's New web page](#) for groups and organizations. Subscribe to get updates and stay informed.

We encourage you to visit and subscribe to Social Security's blog at blog.ssa.gov to receive alerts when they publish new articles from their partners and share the latest information about their national outreach campaign.

Social Security Disability and Veterans Affairs Disability — How Do They Compare?

The Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have joined forces to create a Fact Sheet, "*Social Security Disability and Veterans Affairs Disability — How Do They Compare?*."

This quick reference explains the differences between each agency's disability program. Through our partnership with the VA, we hope to help the veteran community navigate each agency's programs more easily.

I urge you to visit our veterans webpage at <https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/> to view the [Fact Sheet](#) and other resources, including information on returning to work, links to VA healthcare and benefits programs, and disability benefits for wounded warriors. We also have resources for the parents and spouse of veterans. Remember, there are important differences between Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and VA disability benefits. Just as important, a veteran who receives benefits from the VA could also be eligible for SSDI.

I encourage you to share this information with your members, colleagues, affiliates, and other interested parties.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Buckner
Associate Commissioner
Office of Strategic and Digital Communications

2021 World AIDS Day Theme and Billboards

Feel free to use these images on your social media platforms. You can also follow and share them from [END HIV Oregon](#) (Instagram) and [World AIDS Day](#) (Facebook)

This billboard features a dark blue background. On the left is the 'END HIV' logo with the URL 'endhivoregon.org/es'. On the right is the 'WORLD AIDS DAY' logo with a red ribbon. The central graphic consists of two large, red, outlined letters 'I' flanking a red equals sign. Below this, the text 'Indetectable = Intransmissible' is written in red. At the bottom, the Spanish text 'CON TRATAMIENTO, EL VIH NO SE PUEDE TRANSMITIR A TRAVÉS DEL SEXO.' is displayed in white.

Indetectable = Intransmissible

CON TRATAMIENTO, EL VIH NO SE PUEDE TRANSMITIR A TRAVÉS DEL SEXO.

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Undetectable = Untransmittable

WHEN TREATED, HIV CAN'T BE PASSED THROUGH SEX

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** An estimated 1.2 million people are living with HIV and AIDS in the United States, including an estimated 9,100 in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians have access to a variety of tools to help prevent the spread of HIV, including condoms, lubricant, PrEP (a daily pill to prevent infection), and syringe exchange; and
- WHEREAS:** Early diagnosis of HIV helps to save lives and prevent new infections; care and treatment helps those living with HIV lead longer and healthier lives; and there is no risk of HIV transmission sexually from a person living with HIV who maintains an undetectable viral load through antiretroviral therapy; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon stands with communities throughout the world in recognizing the need to remember those who have died from HIV/AIDS and to challenge judgments and myths about HIV that prevent people from getting tested and accessing lifesaving treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Through the End HIV Oregon initiative, the Oregon Health Authority and community partners are working to end new HIV infections in the state, ensure that Oregonians living with HIV are healthy, and address health disparities that lead to HIV disproportionately impacting communities of color.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **December 1, 2021** to be

WORLD AIDS DAY

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 25, 2021.



Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State

[Meaningful Care Conference \(March 29, 2022\) has a look!!](#)



EMBRACING COMMUNITY WISDOM:

**A TRAUMA INFORMED & ANTI-RACIST
LENS ON LGBTQIA2S+ HEALTH**

MARCH 29, 2022.

[Learn more about conference location and format](#)

The 2022 Meaningful Care Conference is the effort of a group of LGBTQ2S+ focused community programs and individuals who have joined together to promote culturally responsive healthcare for clinicians and social service providers working with members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. It is the intention that the knowledge shared at this conference will improve health care provision, utilization, satisfaction, and outcomes for LGBTQ2S+ consumers through expanding access to culturally competent care.

The conference continues to be one of the largest LGBTQ2S+ cultural competency trainings for medical and social service providers on the west coast, with over 400 attendees biannually. The 2022 Meaningful Care Conference is coordinated by the LGBTQ Health Coalition of the Columbia-Willamette, a community-based partnership of agencies and individuals serving the LGBTQ+ community.

Presentations should relate to the 2022 Conference Theme: ***Embracing Community Wisdom: A Trauma-Informed Anti-Racist Lens for LGBTQIA2S+ Health.***

Special consideration will be given to presentations that focus on one of the following topics:

- Intersectional identities
- Anti-racist practice
- Substance use & mental health
- Rural healthcare considerations
- Transgender & nonbinary identities across the lifespan
- Public policy, social justice, & advocacy
- Trauma-informed care

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The planning committee encourages proposals that include harm reduction and address trauma informed environments and health care practice. All presenters are asked to address intersectional identity to elevate historically marginalized communities.

Example LGBTQ2S+ topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Social determinants of health in LGBTQ2S+ Communities
- LGBTQ2S+ considerations for managing chronic conditions
- Creating safe spaces
- Harm reduction principles and strategies
- Substance use and/or mental health best practices
- Positive sexual health for the LGBTQ2S+ community
- Working with vulnerable populations-Homeless, Elders, etc.
- Support staff sensitivity-creating allies in the front office
- LGBTQ2S+ persons experiencing homelessness
- LGBTQ2S+ trauma-informed care and intergenerational health organizing
- Long term survivors of HIV
- Effecting change in public policy for the LGBTQ2S+ community

Criteria for rating proposals include:

- Clear intent;
- Learning objectives are achievable;
- Presentation style supports integration of information into healthcare and social service settings;
- Content relates to conference goals and is applicable in a variety of cultural settings;
- Proposal addresses the diversity of LGBTQ2S+ community and health

Session formats may include lectures, panel presentations, roundtable discussions, and interactive workshops. 45-minute, 60-minute, and 90-minute sessions are being considered in addition to 15-20 minute panel presentations. As we endeavor to include as many voices as possible in program content, presentations may be combined in a panel format based on subject matter. Some sessions may be scheduled to repeat, once in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Conference fees will be waived for presenters. Deadline for proposal submission is **Monday, November 22nd 2021, at 12pm Pacific Time**. Proposals will be reviewed in the order they are received, and submitters will be notified by January 24, 2020.

Please email Rachel Greim at rachel@oraetc.org with any questions regarding proposal submission. Please put MCC in the subject line.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE PROPOSAL FORM](#)

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD RFP PDF](#)



In an effort to remain aware of all of our programmatic and staff changes in 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 Says Farewell

Jason Potter, ERA Coordinator

Andrew Tran, Peer Support Specialist

Breanna Robinson, Temporary Rent Assistance Specialist

HIV Day Center

Welcomes

- Chautauqua Cabine is our new Project Coordinator. Chautauqua will be helping clients with intakes, referrals, resources, and client support.
- We have 2 new MSW Interns from PSU. Our interns are Sean Fisher and Matt Sexton. Sean will be focusing on our Giving Tree project and Matt will be focusing on activity planning and creating the Day Center monthly newsletter.

Say Farewell

- Program Assistant, Connor Leaf, will have their last day on 11/5.

Programming updates

The kitchen remodel at the Day Center has completed and we are cooking breakfast out of the new kitchen each morning! Beginning in December, we will be cooking lunch at the Day Center, instead of bringing lunch from our off-site kitchen. This will be a big transition, but we are excited to have lunch in house now.

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