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Register for free today to participate in Point Source Youth's 2nd Annual Rural Conference on Youth Homelessness

(Salem) – The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program and Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) are sponsoring the registration cost for 350 Oregonians to attend Point Source Youth's 2nd Annual Rural Conference on Youth Homelessness.

Anyone in Oregon who wants to learn more about initiatives and interventions to support youth experiencing homelessness in rural communities is welcome to [register online here](#) for the conference using the promo code **ODHS200** when registering.

Registration is always free for youth and young adults and they do not need to use the promo code.

Point Source Youth is a leading national partner in advocacy, technical assistance, research and evaluation related to youth experiencing homelessness.

The virtual conference will be held April 12 and 13, 2022. The conference will bring youth advocates, service providers, activists and thought leaders together from rural communities across the United States to focus on best practices for ending youth homelessness through the lens of intersectionality.

Topics of discussion during the two-day conference will include:

- Host home program creation
- Direct cash transfer programs
- Sessions lead by youth who have experienced homelessness
- Providing care and support for LGBTQIA2S+ youth

“We encourage anyone in Oregon who wants to learn more about supporting youth experiencing homelessness in rural communities to register and take advantage of the free registration we are able to provide,” said Claire Seguin, Deputy Director of the ODHS Self-Sufficiency Program. “Whether you are a service provider, volunteer,

advocate or someone who wants to help, we hope you take this chance to register at no cost and participate in the conference.”

“Providing opportunities to learn and grow, especially learning from people with lived experience, is one of the most important ways we can shed light on the crisis of youth experiencing homelessness in Oregon,” said Mike Savara, OHCS assistant director of homeless services. “We know that access to services, housing opportunities and culturally responsive services are key to solving this crisis. OHCS is proud to partner with ODHS Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program to provide vital information to folks across Oregon, especially across Rural Oregon, to help generate better outcomes for our youth.”

Learn more about the ODHS Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program [online here](#).

About the Oregon Department of Human Services

The mission of the Oregon Department of Human Services is to help Oregonians in their own communities achieve wellbeing and independence through opportunities that protect, empower, respect choice and preserve dignity.

About Oregon Housing and Community Services

Oregon Housing and Community Services provides resources for Oregonians to reduce poverty and increase access to stable housing. Our intentional focus on both housing and community services allows us to serve Oregonians holistically across the housing continuum, including preventing and ending homelessness, assisting with utilities, providing housing stability support, financing multifamily affordable housing and encouraging homeownership.

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