

We, members of The Oregon Commission for Women, come together to condemn war and violence, and to stand in solidarity and offer our support to our community members who have been affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Our advocacy, empathy, and compassion are not bound by borders or country of origin. Oregon is home to approximately 150,000 immigrants and refugees from Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including families from Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Uzbekistan, and others. We extend our love to the Oregonians who have family, friends, and connections in these regions and have been impacted by this conflict.

In these difficult times, it is critical to support one another, and recognize our shared humanity and right to safety, security, and freedom from violence. We see and support the anti-war Slavic/Eastern European community in Oregon and across the globe. And we acknowledge the diverse Oregonians who have been impacted by conflict in their homelands.

The Oregon Commission for Women is committed to improving the lives of women and girls in this state and beyond. Our thoughts are with all women standing strong in conflict today. We are here to support the Oregonian women and girls with ties to Eastern Europe and to mitigate the impact this war has on them today and in the future.

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Language and Culture-Specific Resources for Slavic/Eastern European individuals and families in the Portland Metro area:

**Lutheran Community Services NW**

<https://lcsnw.org/office/portland/>

503.231.7480

Programs Offered: Citizenship Program; Crime Victim Service Center; Immigration Counselling and Advocacy Program; Multicultural Counseling Services; Refugee Resettlement Program

**IRCO Slavic and Eastern European Center (SEEC)**

<https://irco.org/who-we-are/slavic-and-eastern-european-center.html>

971.386.3990

Programs Offered: Early Childhood Services; Youth Advocacy; Employment Programs; Health Education for Seniors

**Slavic Oregon Social Services**

<https://emoregon.org/ross/>

503.777.3437

**24/7 Crisis Line** 503.381.7757

Programs Offered: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

