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**To:** HSD Adult Foster Home Licensees  
Community Mental Health Programs

**From:** Connie Rush, Mental Health Licensing & Certification Manager

**Subject:** Rate and Wage Survey

For the next two weeks, Adult Foster Home providers have the opportunity provide information and data that will impact legislative funding decisions for AFH rates.

### Why is this happening?

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), through a third-party vendor, Burns & Associates, is conducting a survey that was communicated via [provider alert](#) on January 26, 2024. This survey is open to all Adult Foster Home providers regardless of program type.

This survey is **will not** be used for:

- Licensing decisions and/or compliance
- Corrective action
- Rate compliance or exception requests

Your responses are confidential and will not be provided to any APD or OHA staff person. Burns & Associates will provide the state with analysis and recommendations based on the combined information provided by all AFHs.

The current rate methodology is out of date and doesn't account for the full costs of running an AFH. As an example, it does not build in the costs the provider needs to pay

for their mortgage, buy their own food and pay utilities. Nor does the base rate cover any pay for respite wages or additional caregivers. The goal is to use this combined survey information to develop a proposal for the legislature to hopefully develop AFH rate models in alignment with how businesses are run and allow operators to manage within more reasonable margins. We strongly encourage providers to respond to the survey due to the impact it may have on future AFH rates.

Click on the following links for more information:

- [Rate & Wage Survey Information Page](#)
- [AFH PDF Survey Form](#)

This survey was shortened, and the format was changed, based on provider feedback. It should not take longer than one hour to complete. The deadline for completion is 5:00 p.m. on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, please contact [regan.sheeley@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:regan.sheeley@odhs.oregon.gov).