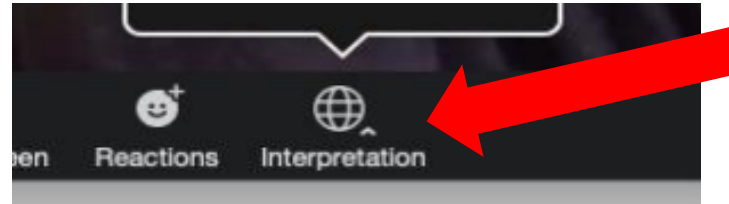

Federal Response Forward Together Oregon Partner Webinar

March 24, 2026



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- **CART Captions:** click on the box that says “CC” or use the live captioning link provided in the chat.
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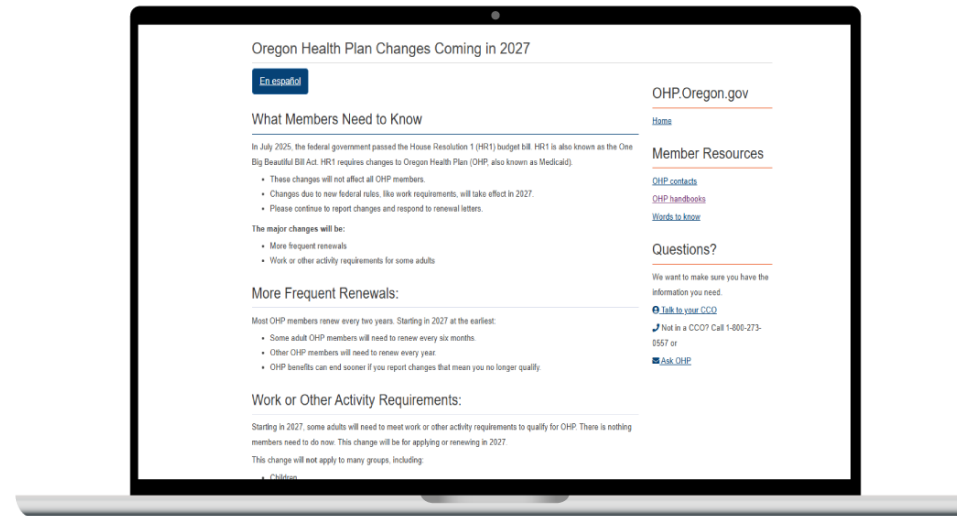
Agenda

- Medicaid and SNAP Updates
- Oregon Employment Department
- Legislative Updates
- Latino Community Association
- Questions and Answers
- Resources

Medicaid

During the [January webinar](#), we shared a few slides about House Resolution 1 (HR1), the federal budget bill signed into law last July, and the changes it will bring to the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).

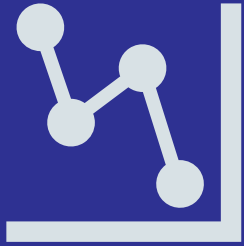
OHP.Oregon.gov/HR1



Medicaid

- We know people are eager to know more about what's coming and how they can help. The first set of requirements don't go into effect until October 2026, and other requirements will take effect even later. We're in the planning stages now and will continue to share updates as more information is available.
- Our biggest recommendation right now is for OHP members to keep their contact information updated and reply to renewal letters by going to ONE.Oregon.gov or work with a local OHP-certified assister. People can find a local assister at OregonHealthCare.gov/GetHelp.

SNAP: Payment Error Rate



**Annual federal
government
report**



**Most errors
happen by
mistake**



**Common errors:
Housing, utility
costs, household
members**

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/news/pages/snap-per.aspx>

SNAP: Two changes take effect June 1

Provide proof of shelter and utility costs



Renewal interviews resume for older adults and people with disabilities



Oregon SNAP work rules: Timeline 2026

**January
2026**

- People who do not meet new work rules in the initial six counties could see their benefits end as early as January
- Benton, Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Counties

Feb. 1, 2026

- Discretionary exemptions for people living in seven counties begin because their county doesn't have a WorkSource center:
- Crook, Gilliam, Jefferson, Lake, Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler

April 2026

- First month of benefit closures for people who do not meet work rules in the 23 counties in the last implementation phase

Notifying people they did not meet SNAP work rules

Each month someone does not meet the work rules, they will get a notice explaining:

- That a counting month was used
- Ways they can meet the work requirement
- Possible exemptions



Support for people to meet SNAP work or activity rules

News Release:
SNAP recipients affected by new federal work rules urged to connect with free job and training help with WorkSource Oregon



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
Human Services

State of Oregon
Employment
Department

Scan the QR code to
read the full news
release



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Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) under 14 Program



Forward Together
March 24, 2026



"This product was funded by USDA. This institution is an equal opportunity provider".

What is the ABAWD program?



The Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents under 14 (ABAWD) program is part of Oregon's SNAP program.

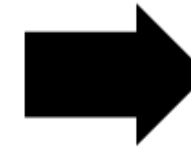
It requires certain adults to meet work-related activities to continue receiving SNAP for more than three months in a 36-month period.

Connection to Employment & Training Services

HR1 Notice/
Annual
Recertification



ODHS ABAWD
Team



WorkSource
Oregon



Creating Appointments with WSO Coaches

ODHS ABAWD staff have access to each WorkSource Center's appointment calendar.

ODHS ABAWD staff schedule individuals for appointments at their local WorkSource Center.

OED staff send a welcoming communication and set expectations for the first meeting.

iMatchSkills worksource | OREGON HOME WSO Schedule

Search Emp Search JL Search JS HIDE Home Logoff

List For WorkSource Center: Salem (210) ▾

ABAWD Appointment Virtual
 ABAWD Appointment In Person
 Claimant Reemployment
 SNAP Employment and Training (STEP)
 Job Search Assistance
 New Customer Orientation
 ABAWD Appointment - Any Contact

Only Show for Select Appointment Types:
(will display only those days that have an opening):

GO

Thursday, Mar 19, 2026

Appointment Type	Time	Apts Made/Max
ABAWD Appointment Virtual	8:30 am	(0/3)
ABAWD Appointment In Person	11:00 am	(0/4)

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

WorkSource Oregon

WorkSource Oregon (WSO) partners with a wide network of state agencies, local workforce boards, educational institutions, and community organizations to deliver employment and training services.

WSO provides free career services, including job search assistance, skills assessments, workshops, and training resources to help individuals find employment.

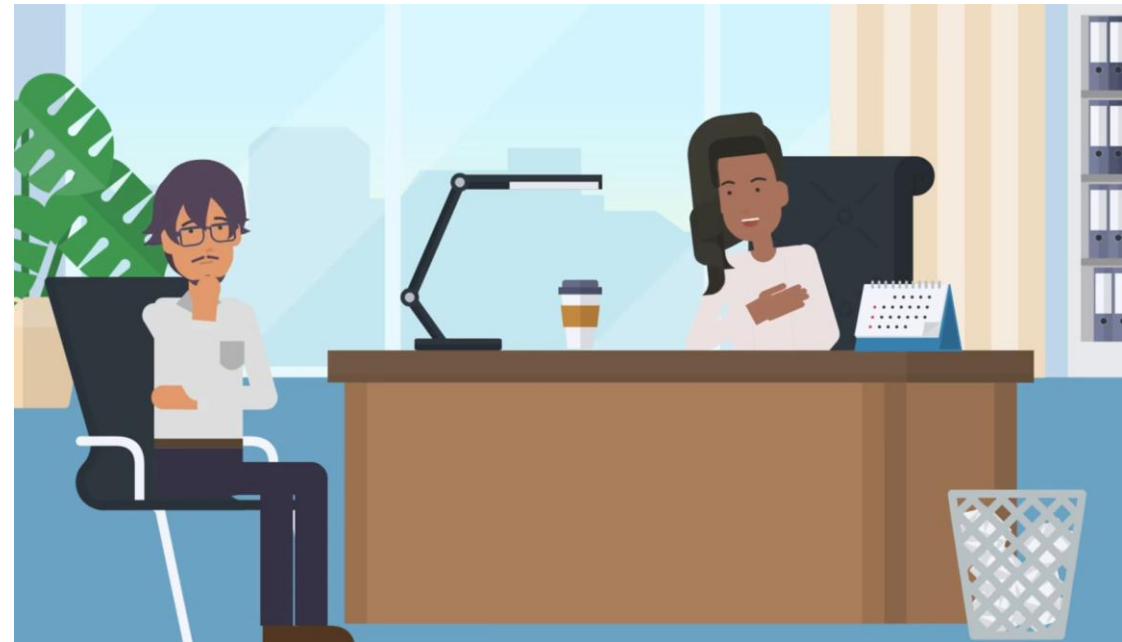


WSO Employment & Training Services

Welcome the participant, provide SNAP E&T orientation, and review ABAWD exemptions and requirements.

Assess the customer's strengths and interest and develop a written plan.

Explain participation and attendance expectations, review and update the participant's iMatchSkills profile, share resources, and schedule the next appointment.



Outcomes for the Customer

Understand ABAWD Program Requirements.

Vision for Path Ahead: Employment or Training?

Activities to complete prior to next appointment.

Understand how to report work activity to OED.

Next Appointment Date & Time.



WorkSource Services

- Identify strengths and training needs.
- Inventory job search skills.
- Develop strong employment-related documents.
- Gain experience and confidence to interview.
- Support to meet monthly work requirements.



Christine

ABAWD Coach

Individualized coaching each month.

Develop a case plan each month to meet training and employment goals.

Assign work activity hours each month in order to maintain SNAP eligibility.

Monitor work activity hours each month.

Enter work activity hours in iMatchSkills® for ODHS to determine eligibility.



*Elvis, WorkSource
Gresham*



Wrap Around Services

Tuition assistance up to \$7,500 per FFY

Support services can include:

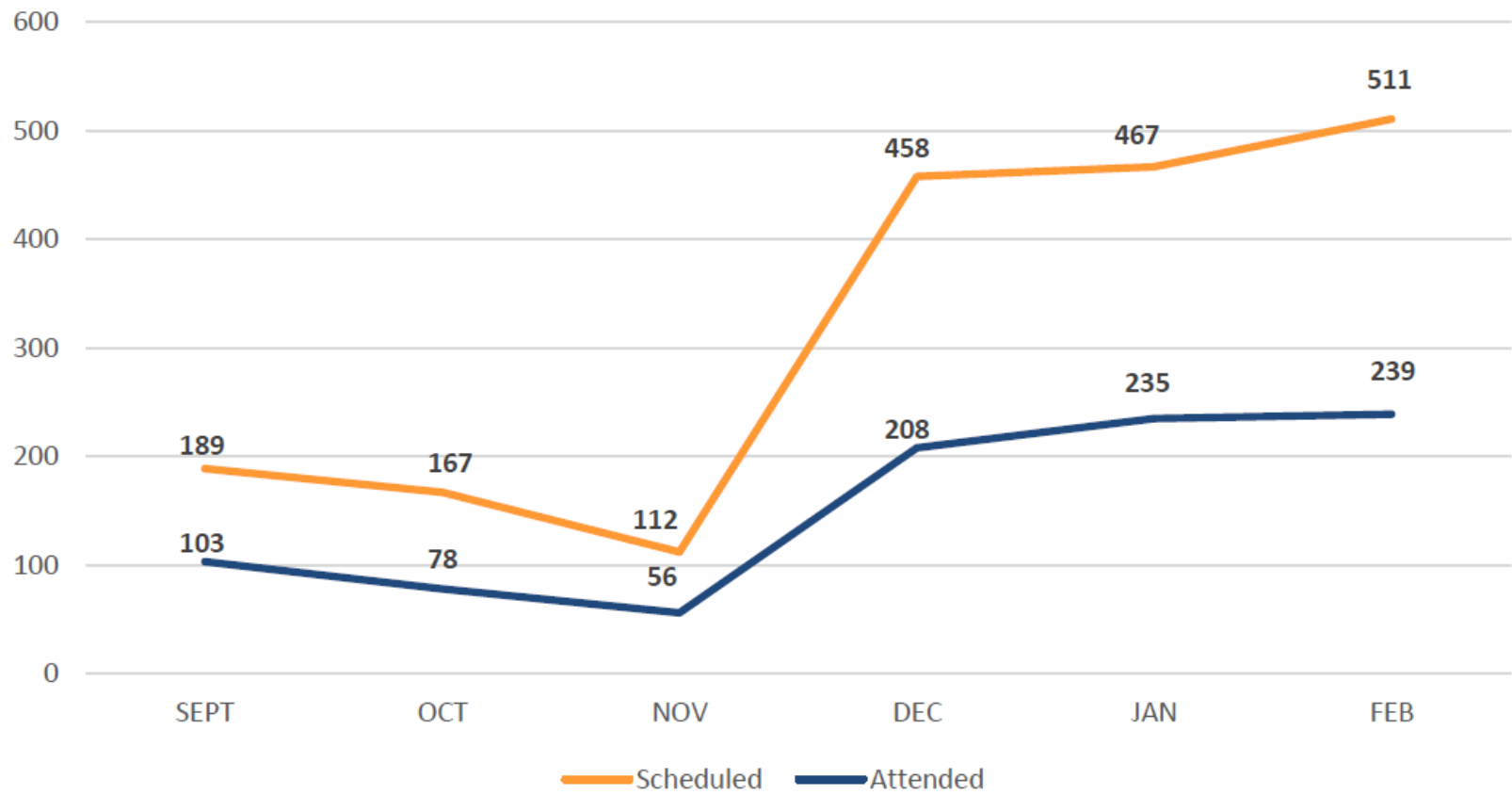
- Transportation
- Textbooks
- Identification
- Occupational license/certificate
- Work permit
- Work tools
- Work clothes and shoes
- Personal computer
- Internet
- Phone



Stephen

FFY-26 ABAWD Attendance

SEP25 - FEB26 > Scheduled: 1,907 Attended: 927



Source: Applicant Scheduling Report

ABAWD Program Resources

Sara Kliewer & Jennifer Granera
SNAP E&T Policy Analysts

ODHS Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs

snap.employmentandtraining@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Oregon Department of Human Services

[Oregon Department of Human Services : SNAP
Employment and Training Programs : Food
Benefits : State of Oregon](#)

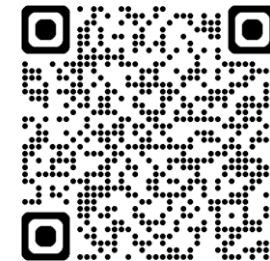
Robert Brown

SNAP E&T Program Coordinator

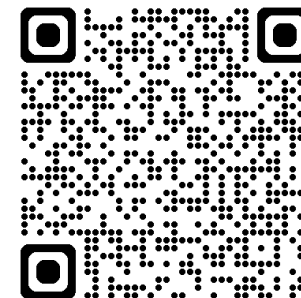
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ABAWD under 14 program website
includes videos, forms, and success stories

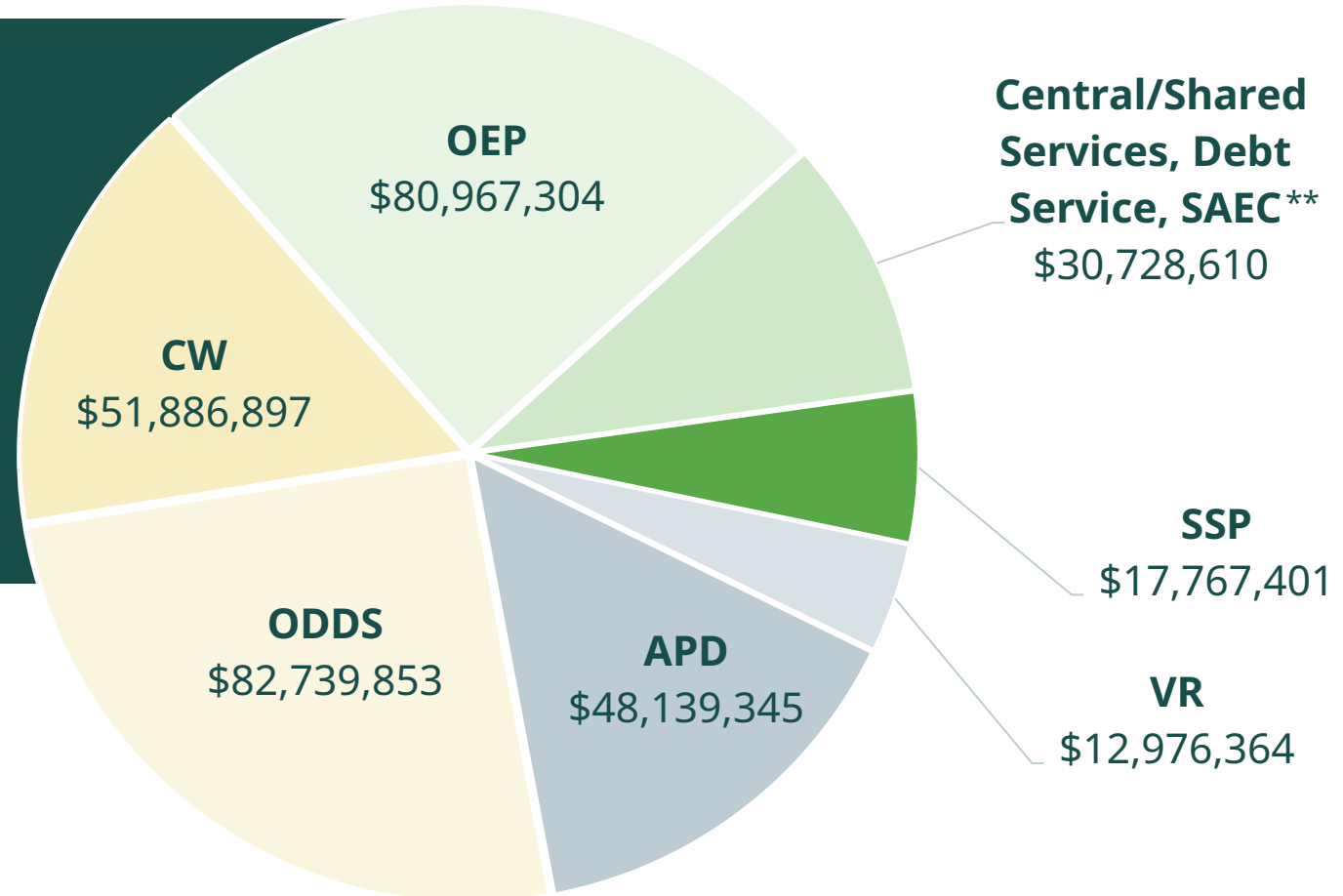


WorkSource Oregon Centers



ODHS short session budget adjustments

- House Bill 5204 adds **\$325.2 million** General Fund (GF)
- **4.3% GF increase** over 2025 LAB*



*Legislatively adopted budget

**State assessments and enterprise-wide costs

House Bill 5204: Key HR1 resources for ODHS

\$111 million
General Fund

392 positions

- **Added staffing to:**
 - Handle additional eligibility workload
 - Meet new accuracy targets
 - Process sweeping policy changes
- Funds for **ONE system updates** to ensure HR1 compliance
- Funds to **backfill eliminated federal dollars** for SNAP administration
- Funds to transition to **chip-enabled SNAP EBT cards**

Other key outcomes

Rebalance

Reflecting caseload, cost per case, compensation and other changes

\$91.1 million*
net increase

Reductions

Requiring no layoffs

(\$34.5 million)

Grants

to support lawfully present immigrants who lost benefits under HR 1

\$2 million

OHA legislative updates

- HB 5204, appropriated \$57.1 million to OHA, and included funding to implement HR1. While it does not provide additional investments for partner engagement or additional communications funding for HR 1 implementation, OHA remains committed to implementing HR 1 effectively.
- The budget bill also included authorization to move nearly \$350 million in federal funds coming to Oregon over the rest of the biennium and to fund 35 new positions for the Rural Health Transformation Program.

OHA legislative updates

- There were some reductions in the budget, but they did not cut any existing positions or programmatic funding.
- Beyond the budget discussions, OHA tracked and engaged with nearly a third of all bills in the Legislature for their impacts in several areas.

OHA legislative updates

- Several bills (HB 4083 and HB 4070) will reduce administrative burden on our behavioral health workforce.
- Several bills made changes to Medicaid policies by bringing greater transparency and interested party engagement to rate-setting with coordinated care organizations (CCOs) (HB 4039), enabling OHA to fulfill our mandate to provide youth in carceral settings with health care (HB 4040), and continuing the conversation around the prioritized list of services.
- There were also many bills designed to improve community health by ensuring youth can't buy oral nicotine products in stores (SB 1571) and expanding insurance coverage of, and access to, birth and postpartum doulas and Lactation services (SB 1568).
- Finally, there were many bills responding to federal changes, such as HB 4127, which will continue state funding for Planned Parenthood, SB 1570, which provides immigrations protections in health care settings, and HB 4088, which protects healthcare workers who provide abortions and gender-affirming care.

OHA legislative updates

- Join our OHA Government Relations team on Tuesday, March 31, for an all-comers recap of the legislative session, where we will discuss these health policy themes in greater depth.
- The meeting will be from 3-4 p.m. Pacific Time.
- Register by clicking on the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6GOOZTmNnEmPSBOtyUUvTGKHwaHGcC9CsO3zO6yXniVUOTc1Vke5VkhTREQyOUpWQTZVTzVPREdGQi4u>



Who we are

Our mission is to empower Latino families to thrive by creating opportunities for advancement and building bridges that unite and strengthen us all.

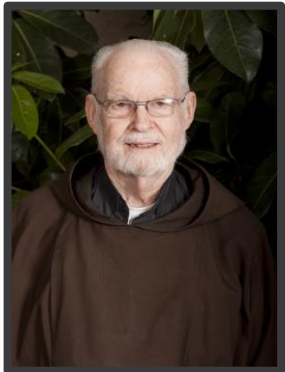
Providing quality, culturally-relevant services, in collaboration with community partners, that address the highest priority needs and aspirations of Latino families.



HISTORY

1994 —▶ Father Mike Walsh launches a help line at St. Francis of Assisi Church

1998 —▶ Hispanic Council formed (church members, Deschutes County, Bend-La Pine schools).



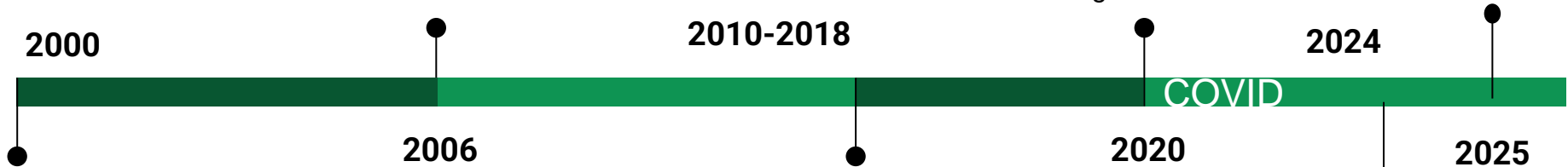
Name changed
to Latino Community Association



Recognition and Accreditation
U.S. Department of Justice
Office – Legal Access
Programs



First Latina Executive
Director and
Acquisition of the
Bend Building



Registered as 501(c)(3)
Launch of the Help Program

2010 —▶ Office expansion to
Redmond

2013 —▶ Office expansion to
Madras

2018 —▶ Office expansion to
Prineville



ECO Providers
Comprehensive Immigration
Program within the
Organization

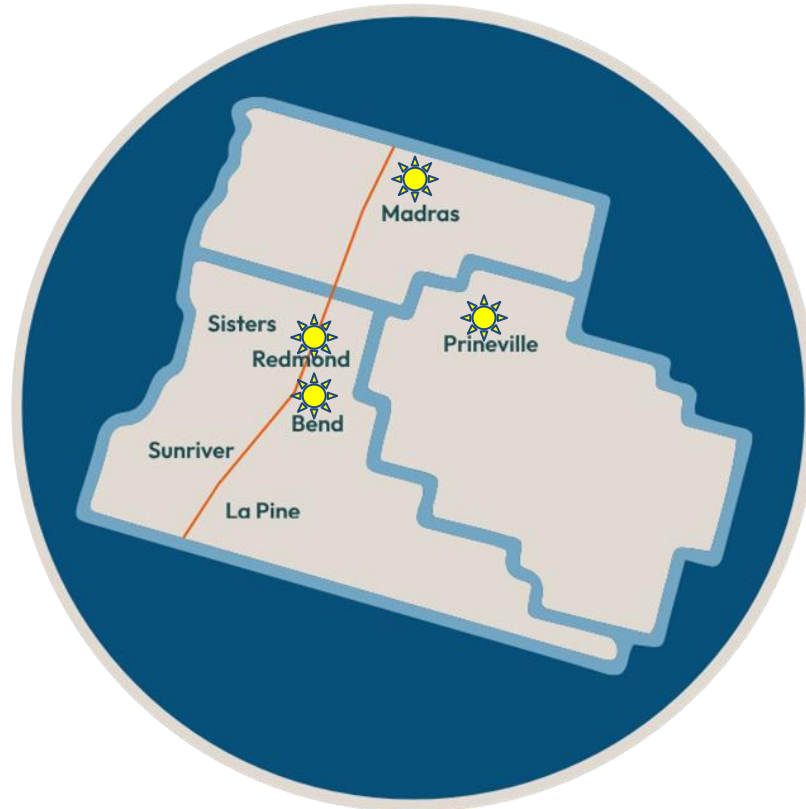


Service Area



2022

Jefferson County Madras Office



2024-2025

Crook County Prineville Office



2023

Deschutes County Redmond office



2020

Bend Latino Family Empowerment Center



Programs



FAMILY
EMPOWERMENT



HEALTHY
FAMILIES



WORKFORCE
EDUCATION &
TRAINING



IMMIGRATION
& ADVOCACY



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



Strategic Priorities 2025-2028

1

Ensuring Community Safety

- Physical and Emotional Safety
- Access to basic needs

2

Foundation Reinforcement (Short-Term-Stability)

- Maintain Current Operations
- Protect the team
- Enhance Internal Systems and Security

3

Align Programs with Core Mission

- Identify Core Services & Develop Program Theories of Change

4

Strengthen organizational resilience

- Maintain and grow financial reserves
- Strengthen and expand the fundraising strategy
- Reconnect with and engage individual donors
- Develop and launch a capital campaign initiative

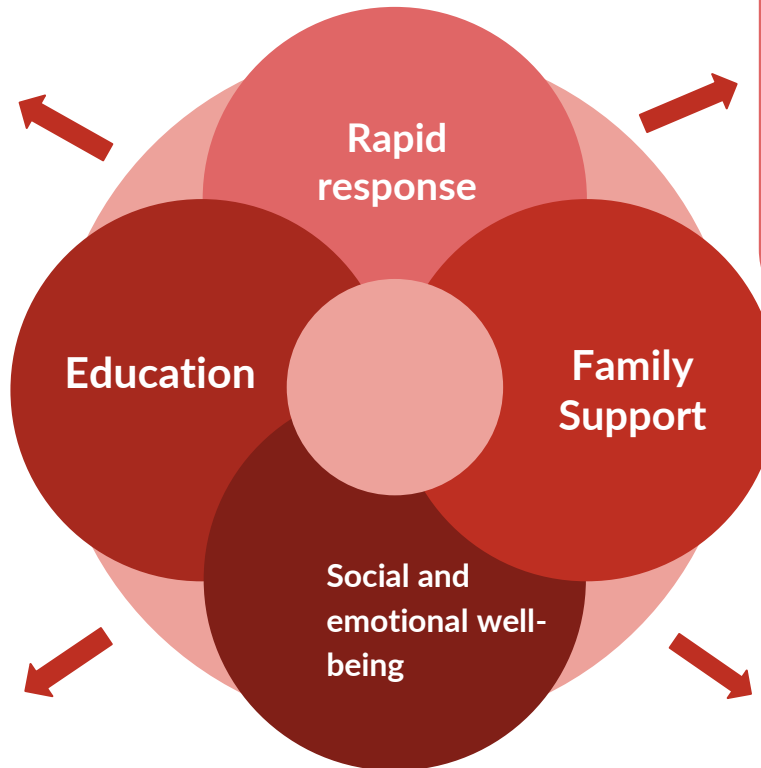
Helping people navigate federal actions

Comprehensive culturally and linguistically responsive education

- Updates to OHP
- Changes in tax law
- Impact on food assistance resources

Coming Soon: “Calma en el Hogar”

- Stress Management
- Suicide Prevention
- Emotional and Mental Well-Being
- Culturally Responsive Support and Resources



Immigration legal services

- Trained individuals serving as ICE Verifiers and/or Human Rights Observers in our Rapid Response Network.
- Know Your Rights
- ICE Appointment Accompaniment Group

Support for families

- Housing
- Food
- Health insurance (OHP)
- Small business and job search
- Culturally focused events



Success Story



When my family and I arrived seeking asylum, we faced language barriers and were scammed while trying to find housing, losing our savings. For a time, we lived in a garage and felt uncertain about our future.

When we connected with LCA, everything changed. They supported us with housing, legal assistance, and health insurance enrollment. Today, we have a safe and stable home, which allows us to focus on our son's health and therapies.

LCA gave us hope, stability, and the support our family needed during a very difficult time.



Teamwork 🤝



Juntos Avanzamos

Together We Thrive



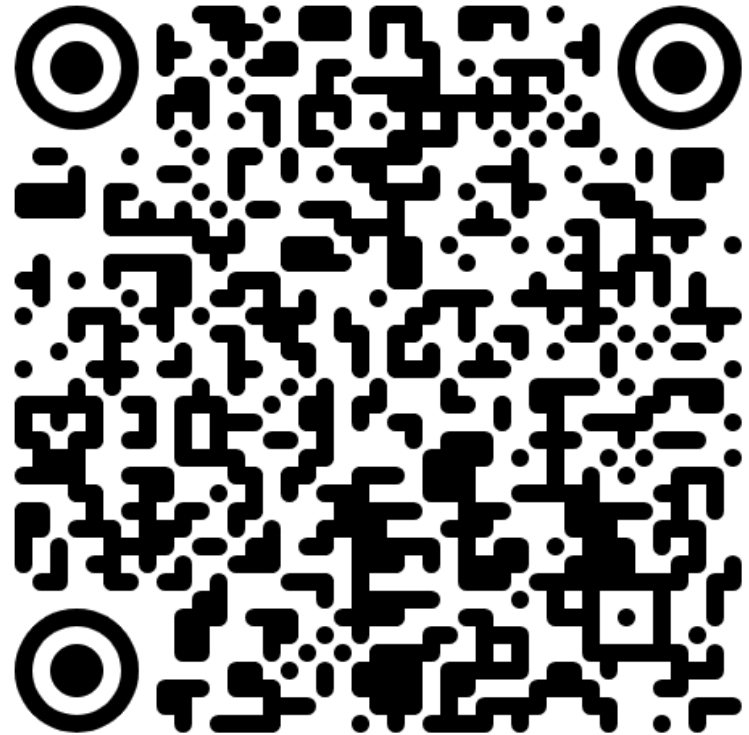
Questions and Answers

Call To Action

Eliminating Health Inequities by 2030



Scan the QR code with
your phone's camera or visit
Oregon.gov/CallToAction



Resources

- **ODHS** [web page](#)
- **OHA** [web page](#)
- **HR1 OHP** [web page](#)
- **Email** feedback@odhsoha.oregon.gov to submit questions
- **Oregon Employment Department** [web page](#)

OHP data resources

- **Talking points for community partners:**
 - English: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Tools/CP-Talking-Points-EN.pdf>
 - Spanish: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Tools/CP-Talking-Points-ES.pdf>
- **Frequently asked questions about the federal government’s sharing of personal information:**
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ODHS and OHA 2026 Forward Together Oregon partner webinar schedule

Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., PT:

- **May 19, 2026**
- **July 28, 2026**
- **Sept. 22, 2026**
- **Nov. 17, 2026**



2026 Zoom Series Registration Link:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_-Q6HyPQoR76PxxkMFSXcQ2Q#/registration

