



Community Engagement Resources and Opportunities

The Partnerships for Community Health Program (PCH) is based within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division. PCH helps connect communities and OHA. This ensures public health programs and services respond to communities’ needs and wants. Our goal is to strengthen relationships and build trust so people most impacted by health issues are heard, valued, and included in solutions.

The resources and opportunities shared in this document demonstrate how we currently support, engage, and connect with community-based organizations, regardless of funding relationship to OHA.

This list is not comprehensive – we may have additional, one-time or new opportunities that emerge. The best way to stay in touch for these opportunities is via our email list, shared below.

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Staying Connected: Communication Options

We use multiple methods to share information, engagement opportunities, events, trainings, and other resources.

- **Partnerships for Community Health Program email list:** We use this list to share OHA and partner information. [Sign up for email list.](#)
- **Groupsite:** We are excited to offer you a community-facing public health website called Groupsite where you can learn about community events, trainings and webinars, grants, jobs, and more. Our Groupsite is dependent on user submitted content. You can share events, photos, job opportunities, or resources related to public health. Groupsite also provides you with a directory of other partners who are registered. [Visit Groupsite.](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority webpage](#)
- [Partnerships for Community Health program webpage](#)
- [Share your news on Groupsite](#)

Sharing Space: Community-specific Meetings

We host several spaces that aim to provide community-specific support, opportunities for feedback and collaboration for community-based organizations (CBOs) doing public health work. Each virtual meeting space is different, built by the community involved.

| Name | Community | Time | Sign up |
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| Community Connections | Open to LPHAs, CBOs, and anyone interested in public health topics – updates from across the state are shared | Monthly, first Thursday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM | Registration link |

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| Colaboración Latino-Hispana Unidos por la Salud (CLHUS) | Latinx-serving community CBOs | Monthly, second Thursday, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Additional office hours bimonthly (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 months), third Thursday, 1:00-2:00 PM | Registration link |
| OHA-DisCo Monthly Meeting | Disability community CBOs | Monthly, second Friday, 10:00-11:00 AM | Registration link |
| Black Public Health Workgroup | Black, African American, African Immigrant and Refugee communities CBOs | Monthly, third Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 PM | Registration link |
| PRISM | LGBTQIA2S+ community CBOs | Monthly, last Wednesday, 10:00-11:00 AM | Registration link |

Building relationships

Building and maintaining relationships with community-based organizations is one of the main priorities of our team. We know that it takes time to build trust and respect, and we want to show up for you.

- CBO Advisory Board:** The Community-Based Organization (CBO) Advisory Board—made up of leaders from community-based organizations—partners with OHA to inform public health system changes, guide the Partnerships for Community Health Office’s processes, and advise on the Public Health Equity Grant and other community engagement initiatives. We encourage you to watch for upcoming recruitment opportunities to join the board and further elevate the voices of your communities. These will be sent out via the [PCHP mailing list](#).

- **Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs):** LPHAs are a great resource for regional public health projects. If you would like support in connecting to your LPHA, we can help facilitate an introduction.
- **OHA Public Health Division (PHD) programs:** Learn more about PHD programs on the [PHD webpage](#).
- **Events:** Please feel free to [share information](#) about and invite us to your events! While we have limited capacity to attend events, we can share the information further and occasionally attend/table/present.
- **OHA Events:** We occasionally host events for community-based organizations, typically with the goal of discussing a specific public health topic or bringing together a specific community. [Sign up for our email list](#) to get updates on these events. We plan on hosting several in spring 2026 to build connections in the new year!

Additional Resources

There are several other ways in which we work with community-based partners.

- **Sponsorships:** Our team offers financial support for public health initiatives and events. You can find additional information and apply for [sponsorship here](#).
- **Training and Technical Assistance:** We occasionally offer no-cost and low-cost public health trainings and capacity building opportunities for community-based organizations. [Sign up for our email list](#) to get updates on these events.
- **Other places to connect:** We work with several partners who might be helpful resources for your public health projects:
 - **Oregon Health Plan:** If you have OHP (Oregon Health Plan) specific questions, OHA has a [community engagement team](#) dedicated specifically to OHP. You can contact the Office of Community Health and Engagement [here](#).
 - **[Nonprofit Association of Oregon \(NAO\)](#):** NAO is the statewide membership association for the nonprofit sector. Their website includes many resources accessible to nonmembers, including grant lists and training opportunities.

- **Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs)**: CCOs are local groups of providers that coordinate OHP benefits. CCOs are required to conduct community health improvement plans in collaboration with community partners. They have community advisory councils and may provide local funding opportunities.
- **Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs)**: RHECs are community-based and led groups that work to identify and address regional health equity issues. Collaborating with RHECs can be a great way to share what you know and learn from others about health equity in your region.
- **Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs)**: CHIPs are plans to address and improve local health outcomes. Various partners are required to or choose to write CHIPs to guide their work, including Coordinated Care Organizations, Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs), non-profit hospitals, and tribal health departments. Reviewing CHIPs can provide helpful insights into your region's health, and engaging with CHIP development can provide an opportunity to share your perspective. Organizations with a CHIP may provide community funding for community organizations who support CHIP work.

Contact Us

With questions or to follow-up on any of the resources above, please email Community.PublicHealth@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer free of charge. Contact the Partnerships for Community Health program at Community.PublicHealth@odhsoha.oregon.gov or 971-673-1222. We accept all relay calls.

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