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Join Partnership Project at AIDS Walk

On Saturday, September 8th walk with us as we raise needed funds for both Cascade AIDS Project and Partnership Project

Click [here](#) to join us



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Next Meeting

Early Intervention Services & Outreach Services in the Portland Metro Area

Tuesday, September 11th

Sarah Fast- Regional HIV EISO Coordinator;
Multnomah County HD

Dr. Anna Summer Infectious Disease Control & Prevention Program Manager;
Clackamas County HD

Erin Parrish- Senior Program Coordinator;
Washington County Public Health

Elizabeth (Liz) Baca - Lead Disease Intervention Specialist;
Clackamas County HD

Jaxon Mitchell- Lead Disease Intervention Specialist;
Multnomah County HD

Amanda Hurley- HIV Care Services Manager;
Multnomah County HD

Are we ready for Open Enrollment?

Here are some resources that might be helpful!

Marketplace Assister Training [Resources](#) and Webinar

[Technical Assistance Resources](#)

CMS Marketplace [Applications & Forms](#)

CMS [Outreach and Education](#) Resources

[Marketplace.CMS.gov](#) Page



Be sure to register your event for World AIDS Day at
www.worldaidsdaynw.org



Finding it hard to stay informed of the potential policy changes that could impact those living with HIV?

The [Policy Action Center of AIDS United](#) is a great resource for sending out Action Alerts!

[Bookmark this website](#) to stay up to date on these critical issues!

Social Security and Medicare, Working Side by Side

By Alan Edwards

Social Security and Medicare have worked side by side for decades. Both programs have improved the quality of life for millions of Americans.

Social Security reaches almost every family and, at some point, touches the lives of nearly all Americans. We're with you through life's journey—from birth to your golden years. Social Security helps older Americans, workers who become disabled, and families in which a spouse or parent dies. In 2017, about 174 million people worked and paid Social Security taxes and about 62 million people received monthly Social Security benefits.

We want you to understand what Social Security can mean to you and your family's financial future. The publication, *Understanding the Benefits*, explains the basics of the Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors insurance programs. You can read it at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10024.pdf

Unlike workers in the private sector, not all state or local government employees are covered by Social Security. Some only have their public pension coverage, and other government employees have both a public pension and Social Security coverage. For more information, please read our publication titled *How State and Local Government Employees are covered by Social Security and Medicare* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10051.pdf

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older and certain younger people with disabilities. It is also for people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant, sometimes called ESRD).

The different parts of Medicare help cover specific services. Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient hospital stays, care in a skilled nursing facility, hospice care, and some home health care. Medicare Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for certain doctors' services, outpatient care, medical supplies and some preventive services.

Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage plans) is a type of Medicare health plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare. Medicare Advantage plans provide all of your Part A and Part B benefits. Medicare Advantage plans may also include Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage). Part D helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. Some people with limited resources and income may also be able to get Extra Help with the costs—monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription copayments—related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. The Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$4,900 per year. You must meet the resources and income requirements.

When you apply for Medicare, you can sign up for Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance). Because you must pay a premium for Part A coverage, you can turn it down. However, if you decide to enroll in Part B later on, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B coverage. Your monthly premium will go up 10 percent for each 12-month period you were eligible for Part B, but didn't sign up for it, unless you qualify for a [special enrollment period](#).

You can learn more about Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare



On Friday September 13th, please join the Quest Center Team in supporting the [Women of Wisdom](#) at the *Our Bold Voices: Schooled* event! Our Bold Voices is an exciting event series that creates space for the public to connect with incredible stories told by community members whose voices are otherwise marginalized or unheard. Myranda Harris, one of Quest's long time and well-loved community members will be a speaker at next Thursday's event and we would like to invite EVERYONE to come out in support.

Not only are we excited to hear Myranda's bold story, but there's the added bonus of Quest's very own Women of Wisdom (WOW) as the featured charity for the evening. All proceeds from the night go directly to supporting this incredible program that creates a safe and inclusive space for the female or femme-identified members of the HIV+ community. Come enjoy a night of stories of mentorship, struggle, and perseverance, including the story of one of our own.

Visit www.ourboldvoices.com for more info, or [CLICK HERE](#) for tickets

\The event will take place at pm at 6:30pm at McMenamin's Mission Theater: 1624 NW Glisan St, Portland, OR 97209



In an effort to remain aware of all of our programmatic and staff changes throughout the HIV community in Oregon we would like to collect and share that information

Programmatic & staff changes should be sent to lagermes@ohsu.edu by the last Wednesday of the month. I will also be emailing agencies to obtain that information but if I miss you let me know.

Cascade AIDS Project

Welcomes:

Congrats to Owen O'Neill in his new role as Peer Support Coordinator (Formerly Peer Support Specialist) & Kyle Giard-Chase in his new role as a CareLink Navigator (formerly Housing Services Specialist)

Welcome to Bernard Wehage – CAP's new Peer Support Specialist and Tim Smith CAP's new HIV/STI Testing Counselor

Welcome to Brandy Richardson- CAP's new HR Administrator (a new position for CAP)

Says Farewell to:

Miles Fletcher has left for medical school and CAP is hiring a PrEP Navigator

Eva Hoffman has left CAP and we are hiring for a new Receptionist

Shannon Redmond has left CAP and we are hiring for an HIV/STI Testing Coordinator

Russell St

Welcomes:

Erin Waid, DMD, BSN

Says Farewell to:

Yesenia Garcia-front desk- position has been posted

Russell Street is having an Open HOUSE on Saturday, September 15th from 1-3 p.m. for the public to see their updated facility and meet staff of Russell Street

Multnomah County Health Department

Welcomes:

Dr. Virginia Weeks has completed her Internal Medicine Residency training program at the University of Washington in Seattle and is ready to join our group of providers at the MCHD Health Services Center. She has extensive work experience at a primary care clinic in Portland that worked with underserved communities as a clinic and patient care coordinator. This provided the foundation and inspiration for her becoming a provider. She has dedication for serving our community and should be a great addition to our clinic.

Akilah Powell will join the clinic as the newest member of our Patient Navigation team. They bring amazing experience supporting survivors of sexual assault in the emergency room, doing racial justice work, and working with the LGBTQI community.

HIV Alliance

Welcomes:

- Rachel Nedwick – Application Assister
- Jennifer Mappus – Temporary HIV Clinical Pharmacist

Says Farewell to:

- Geoff L'Heureux – HIV Clinical Pharmacist
- Jessica Torres – Application Assister
- Diana Avila – Employment Assistant
- Rowan Lowden – Dental Case Manager

Currently Hiring

- HIV Clinical Pharmacist (Eugene Office)
- Grants & Communications Coordinator (Eugene, 1 opening)
- Programs Compliance Coordinator (Eugene, 1 opening) (40 hrs/week @ \$16-21/hr)
- Site Supervisor & Care Coordinator (Roseburg, 1 opening) (40hrs/week @ \$17-20/hr)
- Bilingual Intake Coordinator (Salem, 1 opening) (40 hrs/week @ 15.50/hr)
- Care Coordinators (Eugene, 2 openings, Roseburg, 1 opening) (24-40hrs/week @ \$16.50/hr)
- Bilingual Care Coordinator (Eugene, 1 opening) (32-40hrs/week @ \$17/hr)
- Dental Case Manager (Eugene, 1 opening) 35 hrs/week @ \$15-\$17/hr
- Bilingual Self-Sufficiency Assister (Eugene, 1 opening) (40 hrs/week @ 15.50/hr)

Employment includes paid holidays, vacation and sick time prorated to FTE and health insurance (medical, dental, vision) is available to employees working .75 FTE and above. For anyone who is interested in reading the full job descriptions for any of these positions, please go to our Employment Opportunities page at <http://hivalliance.org/category/employment-opportunities/> Employment application and application instructions can also be found there. If anyone has any questions about any of these jobs, please email the hiring manager. Their email can be found at the bottom of each job description.

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