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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

**Next Meeting**  
**No Meeting in August**

**Next meeting**  
**Tuesday,**  
**September**

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## New Way to do SSI Wage Reporting With Social Security

Social Security has expanded its online wage reporting service to allow people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, and people who receive both Social Security Disability (SSDI) and SSI benefits, and their representative payees to report wages securely online. This capability had been available only to SSDI beneficiaries and their representative payees. The service is available through our existing my Social Security portal.

Wage reporters can still use the SSI Telephone Wage Reporting and SSI Mobile Wage Reporting applications. This new option allows them to avoid visiting a field office to report their wages in person and allows them to print or save a receipt of their report. However, users must still contact an office to report when they first start working for each new employer. It's also important to note that representative payees are able to report wages, but won't have access to beneficiaries' or recipient's other information. You and your clients can visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) today to learn more about this convenient new online service.

## Getting Ready for Open Enrollment

The [Target Center](#) has numerous resources available to make open enrollment a breeze :) Here is a timeline of what those who provide insurance assistance might want to consider.

### **July-August**

[Assess staff workload and develop a scheduling plan.](#)  
[Conduct staff training and build enrollment staff capacity.](#)  
[Build enrollment partnerships and educate community partners.](#)

### **July-October**

[Schedule and conduct 'Account Tune-Ups' with clients.](#)

### **September-October**

[Evaluate and/or learn about available health plans.](#)  
[Share key outreach and enrollment messages with clients.](#)

### **November 1-December 15**

[Enrollment begins November 1!](#)





## End HIV Oregon Sponsorship Program Summary

On World AIDS Day 2017, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) launched a new funding opportunity to support activities to help OHA and our community partners achieve our collective End HIV Oregon goals.

Specifically, the End HIV Oregon Sponsorship Program seeks to fund small projects, of \$10,000 budget or less, that aim to further one of four goals:

- 1) Increase HIV testing
- 2) Support effective prevention of HIV and other co-occurring sexually transmitted infections (STI)
- 3) Ensure that people with HIV receive and maintain effective treatment
- 4) Promote health equity and reduce HIV-related stigma

This funding opportunity prioritizes organizations that serve diverse communities. OHA seeks to develop new partnerships and help small organizations, particularly those working with communities experiencing health disparities, to increase capacity to deliver HIV/STI prevention and care services.

As of April 2018, 7 projects have been awarded End HIV Oregon Sponsorship funds:

**The African-American AIDS Awareness Action Alliance (A<sup>6</sup>)** – This project aims to increase HIV knowledge and testing among African Americans in the greater Portland area, within the context of a holistic health literacy campaign. This work builds on successful efforts by faith houses within the African American community to reduce stigma and eliminate HIV myths.

**The Association of Centers for Independent Living (AOCIL)** – The purpose of this project is to improve access to HIV/STI information, resources, and testing for people living with disabilities. AOCIL will conduct a brief assessment, developing an intake protocol that includes HIV/STI, and integrate HIV/STI information and referral into existing systems at the 7 Centers for Independent Living statewide.

**Edùcate Ya** – Bilingual volunteers will offer rapid HIV testing and culturally sensitive preventive health and HIV/STI prevention information to Latinx adults, families, and youth living in urban and rural communities.

**Hepatitis HIV AIDS Awareness Project (hHAAP)** – The purpose of this project is to provide culturally-specific prevention education to Black/African American and Spanish-speaking men in Oregon prisons, in order to increase HIV prevention behaviors and HIV, hepatitis C, and STI testing.

## **END HIV Oregon Sponsorship Awards Continued**

**Let's Kick A\*S\*S (AIDS Survivor Syndrome)** – The purpose of this project is to expand online, telephonic, and in-person social support resources for people living with HIV (PLWH), particularly long-term survivors. LKA will develop and implement a Webinar series, storytelling workshops, and an interactive on-line calendar to build community connections for people living with HIV.

**NAMI Lane County** – In partnership with The Alliance, this project will provide two evidence-based, peer-led support groups for (1) LGBTQ individuals and (2) people living with HIV. Two HIV+ peers will receive training in the NAMI model and will facilitate the group for HIV+ individuals.

**Partnership Project** – This project aims to increase HIV testing and linkage to care among partners of people living with HIV and Transgender Health Program patients.

**Quest Center for Integrative Health** – This project will determine the feasibility and viability of offering opt-out HIV screening across all their services in a behavioral health home setting. The conclusion of this program will provide Quest Center and Oregon Health Authority with quantifiable sets of data, which will create a greater set knowledge of how to conduct high-quality and effective HIV screening in a non-traditional settings



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](mailto: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.

### **Day Center Says Farewell to: JVC intern Emily Breakell**

#### **Day Center Updates**

There is a new discussion group at the Day Center called "Let's Be Real" This new discussion group is an African American base group in which the topics will solely be base off the African American experience in the HIV community.

It will meet once a month here at the Day Center on the third Wednesday of each month. Start time is 10:00 am and lunch being served at 11:00 and wrap up at 12:00.

This will give the African American clients that are positive with HIV/AIDS a safe space as well as a support foundation to talk amongst their peers about different issues that they are experiencing in today's society. Contact Terrance Rawls for more information

## **Cascade AIDS Project**

### **Welcomes:**

Mindy Schlitt- HIV/STI Testing Counselor

### **Currently hiring for the following.**

Accounting Specialist

HIV Prevention Specialist

Bilingual Housing Case Manager

Peer Support Specialist

MAI African American Services Navigator

CareLink Navigator

Medical Assistant - PRISM

## **Quest Center for Integrative Health**

The Quest HIV Services department is thrilled to welcome Johnathon Vasquez as the new HIV & Substance Abuse Peer Support Specialist to the team. Johnathon was introduced to Quest through volunteering and participating in Nutrition Night for over three years. It was his time at Nutrition Night and the chance to interact with like-minded individuals working to better themselves through Quest programs and services that inspired him to apply for this role. Johnathon comes into this role with a commitment to being of service to others on the path to wellness, and "giving freely what was so freely given to him"

## **Clackamas County Infectious Disease Control and Prevention Team**

### **Welcomes**

**Mary Horman, RN** has joined the team in a DIS capacity. I will ensure she is part of the next network meeting, so she can meet everyone.

**Anna Summer MPH, DrPH** has joined our team as our Program Manager! We are very excited to have her, I will also ensure she attends a meeting soon to meet everyone.

## **Multnomah County Health Department HIV Care Services**

### **Welcomes**

Jesse Herbach

HIV Care Services Program Specialist Sr.

### **Not really farewell**

Jill Weber

Moved to .5 with the HCS team

Please send CareWare assistance requests to Jesse first

**Thank you for all your updates!!**



## **ATTN: Any and All LGBTQ Veterans!**

Join our drop-in support group at the Q Center  
in Portland, **4115 N Mississippi Ave**

The first Wed of every month from **6:30p-8p.**

The July 2018 meeting will be Wed July 11 in observance of Independence Day the week prior

We want to help create a safe place for Veterans to come and discuss unique challenges related to being a Veteran who identifies as LGBTQ covering things like reintegration, VA benefits, military experiences, mindfulness and daily struggles.

Facilitators: Nathaniel Boehme, M.A. / LGBTQ Veterans Coordinator  
Erin Danielson, MSW, LCSW / Readjustment Counselor Portland Vet Center

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