



Wishing our community partners around the State a Happy and Healthy New Year!!



**Update from Oregon Health Authority –CAREAssist Program
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Please join me in congratulating Lisa McAuliffe, our new CAREAssist Program Coordinator! Lisa has committed the last 25 years to supporting Oregonians living with HIV and we're lucky to have her knowledge and experience as we look at new ways to help clients achieve viral suppression. Effective January 3rd, Lisa will oversee day-to-day operations within CAREAssist, maintain program policies & procedures, help implement new initiatives and much more. CAREAssist will temporarily redistribute the caseload until the vacant Case Worker position is filled. Watch for the new client breakdown in January.

Happy Holidays!
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Next Meeting

January 10th

**Occupational
Therapy: Ideas
for working with
neuro-cognitive
challenges**

**Kristy Fleming
Our House**

End HIV Oregon launches

On Dec. 1st, World AIDS Day, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) launched the *End HIV Oregon* initiative during a media event at the Portland State Office Building that was attended by government officials and community partners. *End HIV Oregon* envisions a state in which new HIV infections are eliminated and where all people living with HIV have access to high-quality care, free from stigma and discrimination.

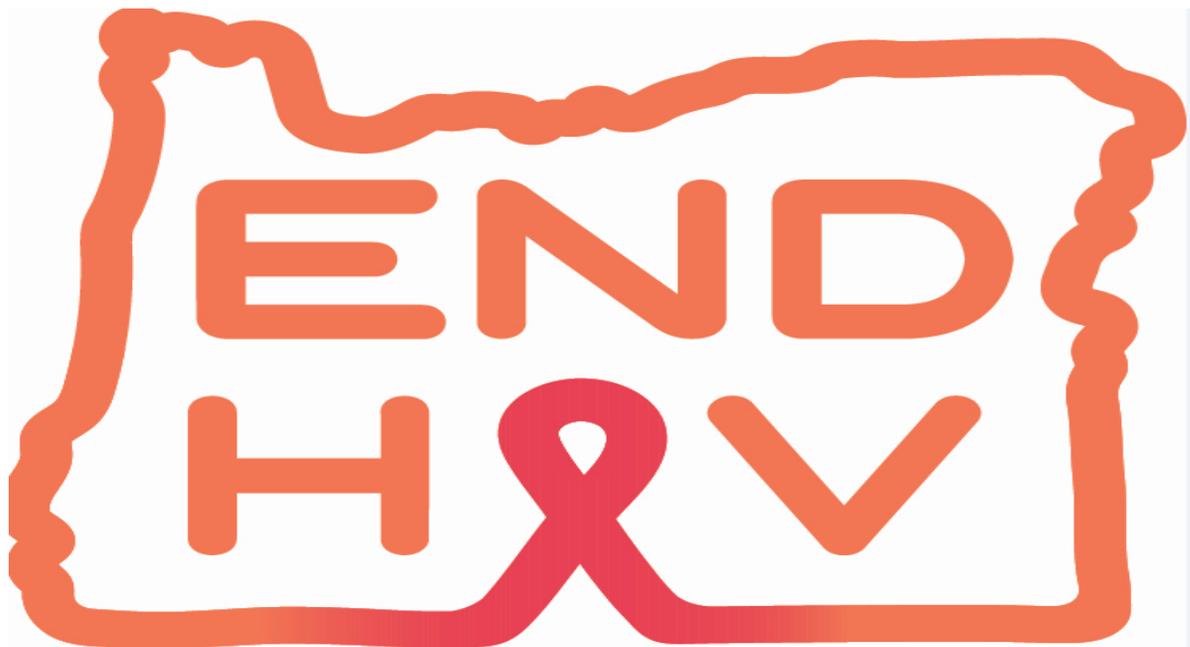
The *End HIV Oregon* strategy is the culmination of a two-year planning process. Community members from across Oregon came together to identify the most pressing issues to address in order to eliminate new HIV infections.

The *End HIV Oregon* strategy centers around three themes:

- Testing is easy: Confidential testing available throughout Oregon makes testing simple, convenient and fast.
- Prevention works: Core prevention programs must be maintained and expanded, and use of new tools, such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a daily pill that prevents infection, must be accelerated.
- Treatment saves lives: Effective treatment, called viral suppression, among HIV-positive people helps infected people live long, healthy lives and has the potential to prevent the largest proportion of new HIV infections.

Due to federal funding mechanisms, planning for delivery of HIV care services has historically occurred separately for the Portland metro area and the balance of state. The *End HIV Oregon* strategy is the first plan that is statewide, inclusive of all 36 counties and addresses the entire HIV continuum, from prevention through care.

OHA is leading the multi-year *End HIV Oregon* effort, with partners that include local health departments and community-based organizations and will include investments in new initiatives statewide. Efforts will be monitored and evaluated, with progress reported annually on World AIDS Day. Learn more at: www.EndHIVOregon.org.



Educational Opportunities

We know there are numerous opportunities to obtain information that help us do our work in a more informed manner. We thought we would provide some examples of ones that we have come across as well as newsletters that you can sign up for to receive updates.

<https://careacttarget.org/> Tools for the Ryan White Community is a website that provides education for all persons involved in care for those living with HIV.

There are numerous [listserves](#) available

[Incorporating Key Findings from Surgeon General's Report on Addiction: Webinar January 5 \(Technical Assistance\)](#)

One of the major calls to action from *Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health* is for increased integration of primary care and addiction services. In this webinar, January 5, 3:30 pm ET, join one of the authors of the report, Dr. Connie Weisner, in a discussion of the findings and what efforts are needed to support integrating screening, assessments, interventions, use of medications, and care coordination. HRSA-funded primary care providers will offer examples about the steps they take to successfully and continually address substance use. The webinar is presented by the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions.

[To participate.](#)

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[Webinar on Health and Other Discrimination Protections for the LGBTQ Community: January 10 \(Technical Assistance\)](#)

This webinar, January 10, 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET, will address health care, housing, and employment protections for members of the LGBTQ community. It will highlight specific nondiscrimination laws, information about how to file a complaint, and examples of positive outcomes for LGBTQ individuals resulting from these protections. The webinar will also provide information about protections and the remedies available if discrimination based on LGBTQ status has occurred. The target audience includes HHS/HRSA, HUD, and EEOC stakeholders, including grantees, healthcare providers, public health officials, housing organizations, community-based organizations, and community partners wanting to improve understanding of anti-discrimination laws that apply to the LGBTQ community. Registration in advance is required and space is limited.

[To register.](#)

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<http://traumainformedoregon.org> Trauma Informed Oregon

We know that many of us are looking closely at not how to just be trauma informed but to provide services through a lens that considers trauma on a consistent basis. This website offers information and has a newsletter available.

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