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OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT

AIDS Walk is Saturday!

This year will be a little different but we are still “walking” and raising needed funds for both Partnership Project and Cascade AIDS Project. Join our team and support both of these important organizations in the Portland metro area.

<https://www.aidswalknorthwest.org/team/ohsupartnership-project>

Next Meeting

Next Meeting
October 13th

Email
lagermes@ohsu.edu for the link
to the meeting



Social Security Announces New Online Video Hearings



The Social Security Administration announced a new service for people awaiting a hearing decision. In addition to telephone hearings, Social Security will offer the opportunity for an online video hearing using the Microsoft Teams platform beginning this fall. This new free service will allow applicants and their representatives to participate in the hearing from anywhere they have access to a camera-enabled smartphone, tablet, or computer. This stable and secure online platform allows the Social Security judge to see and interact with applicants and their representatives just like an in-person hearing, while maintaining privacy of the claimant's information. Other hearing experts, such as medical or vocational experts, may participate as well.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of finding new ways to serve the public," said Commissioner of Social Security Andrew Saul. "For over a decade, the agency has used video hearings to get applicants their hearing decisions sooner. This advancement builds on that effort, making it easier and more convenient to attend a hearing remotely, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. To continue to ensure all participants' safety, we expect online video hearings and telephone hearings will be the only two hearing options for the foreseeable future."

Social Security has been conducting appeal hearings with Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) via telephone only since March, while offices remain closed to the public to protect the health and safety of the public and employees. The agency's ALJs have held more than 180,000 telephone hearings since March, allowing the agency to continue to deliver critical customer service.

For the new online video hearings, whether the device is a laptop, smartphone, or tablet on either iPhone or Android, people will experience a clear picture and audio of the ALJ and their representative during their hearing.

For updates on the implementation and expansion of this new hearing service, and other Social Security information, please visit the agency's COVID-19 web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/.

Social Security Announces New Online Service for Replacement Social Security Cards in Oregon

Available to People through a **my Social Security** Account



The Social Security Administration introduced the expansion of online services for residents of Oregon available through its **my Social Security** portal at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, announced that residents of Oregon can use the portal for many replacement Social Security number (SSN) card requests. This will allow people to replace their SSN card from the comfort of their home or office.

“We are here to serve the public and this option helps us improve service by offering a safe, secure, and more convenient choice for doing business with us online,” Commissioner Saul said. “I am pleased to offer Oregon residents the added convenience of replacing a Social Security card through the **my Social Security** portal.”

The agency is conducting a gradual roll out of this service; Oregon is one of the many states, including the District of Columbia, where this option is available. Throughout 2020, the agency plans to continue to expand the service option to other states. This service will mean shorter wait times for the public in the more than 1,200 Social Security offices across the country and allows staff more time to work with customers who have extensive service needs.

U.S. citizens age 18 or older and who are residents of Oregon can request a replacement SSN card online by creating a **my Social Security** account. In addition, they must have a U.S. domestic mailing address, not require a change to their record (such as a name change), and have a valid driver’s license, or state identification card in some participating states.

my Social Security is a secure online hub for doing business with Social Security, and about 51 million people have created an account. In addition to Oregon residents replacing their SSN card through the portal, current Social Security beneficiaries can manage their benefits online—change an address, adjust direct deposit, obtain a benefit verification letter, or request a replacement SSA-1099. Medicare beneficiaries can request a replacement Medicare card without waiting for a replacement form in the mail. Account holders still in the workforce can verify their personal earnings history and obtain estimates of future benefits by looking at their *Social Security Statement* online.

For more information about this new online service, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Celebrating 30 Years of Ryan White Program



The graphic features a large '30' where the '0' is a multi-colored ring with 'YEARS' written inside. To the right, it says 'HRSA'S RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM'. Below this, a text box states: 'On August 18, 1990, the Ryan White CARE Act was signed into law.' At the bottom, a red banner contains the hashtags '#RWHAP #30YearsofCARE' and the HRSA logo with the text 'Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program'.

On August 18, 1990, the Ryan White CARE Act was signed into law.

#RWHAP #30YearsofCARE

HRSA
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

In August, the Ryan White Conference was held virtually. For those who didn't attend, recaps of the days events are available here:

<https://www.hiv.gov/blog/day-1-recap-2020-national-ryan-white-conference-hiv-care-treatment>

<https://www.hiv.gov/blog/day-2-recap-2020-national-ryan-white-conference-hiv-care-treatment>

<https://www.hiv.gov/blog/day-3-recap-2020-national-ryan-white-conference-hiv-care-treatment>

<https://www.hiv.gov/blog/day-4-recap-2020-national-ryan-white-conference-hiv-care-treatment>

[Check out this beautiful video honoring the life and legacy of Ryan White](#)





Dining Out For Life comes to Portland every April. This year's event did not happen as planned because of COVID but instead we are holding a different event during the week of **September 14th**. This event is focused on supporting our restaurants!

We want to support them all the time and especially during this week as we highlight our generous restaurants who are struggling right now. For a listing click [here](#)

Go dine out or take out and support our friends! We are not asking our restaurants to contribute to Dining Out For Life Portland this year. This event is strictly to support them.

We also ask that you support all Black Owned Restaurants as you are able by dining in or taking out. For a listing visit [here](#)

If you do feel moved and are able we of course will accept donations to [Dining Out For Life Portland](#). Our services have continued during COVID as have the needs of our clients.

We hope to be back in regular form next year but for now let's show our restaurants our love.

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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.

Multnomah HIV Health Center

Welcomes Shannon Redmond (they/them) who is a new Patient Navigator working specifically with Black and African American clients at HHSC. They started on 8/18/20.

The HIV Day Center is hiring a HIV Services Long Term Survivors Program Coordination. Apply [here](#) by September 18th

Cascade AIDS Project

Welcomes Jonathan Frochtz wajg in to the role of Public Policy and Grants Manager.

Thanks for your help in keeping the community updated. Please send them your new staff announcement, farewells and program updates to lagermes@ohsu.edu to be included in the next newsletter.

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