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OREGON HIV/AIDS CASE MANAGEMENT

AIDS WALK!! September 9th



Next Meeting
September 12th
CAREAssist
Update

No Meeting in
August

[Join our team](#) and walk with us!!



What just happened?

There have been a number of successes and surprises as well as verbal assaults in the last several weeks. I continue to be impressed with the statements of action and support from our community and the advocacy efforts we support and engage in to give voice to those who aren't able to show up for a variety of reasons.

Below is the statement that Partnership Project issued the day after President Trump tweeted that transgender Americans should be banned from serving in the military.



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Transgender Health Program
 Medical Case Management for Persons Living with HIV
 Service Navigation for Immigrants and Refugees living with HIV
 Insurance Enrollment Assistance for Persons Living with HIV

To our community,

In light of recent discriminatory statements made by national leadership towards members of the Transgender community, particularly those individuals serving in our military, OHSU's Transgender Health Program, a program of the Partnership Project would like to take a moment to reassure you that we remain committed to your health and wellness. We recognize fully that the uncertainty in our political environment and gestures of intolerance can result in a wide range of emotions for patients and the community at large.

We encourage you to reach out if you are experiencing distress, and would like to point out resources that we believe are good sources of support for individuals in crisis. Know that we will remain unwavering in our mission to serve you to the best of our capacity, with full recognition of the impact of gender dysphoria on the well-being of transgender and gender diverse individuals. We will continue to be advocates at the system, community and state level for the needs of the transgender and gender diverse community, and will not let decisions at the national level deter us from this important work.

Thank you,
 The OHSU Partnership Project

Resources

[The Trevor Project](#)– 1-866-588-7386
[Trevor Chat](#)– online messaging service
[Youth Talkline](#)-800-246-7743
[Trans Lifeline](#)-877-565-8860
[The GLBT National Help Line](#)-888-843-4564
[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)-800-273-8255
[Multnomah County Crisis Line](#) 503-988-4888
[Line for Life-Suicide Lifeline](#) 800-273-8255 or text 273Talk to 839863
[Alcohol & Drug helpline](#) 800-923-4357 or text RecoveryNow to 839863
[Military Helpline](#) 888-457-4838 or text MIL1 to 839863

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Our Friends at [Basic Rights Oregon](#) have created this [petition](#) to demand that Congress defend Transgender Veterans and Service Members. If you haven't already signed and shared please [do so](#).

There are an estimated 15,500 actively serving transgender members of the U.S. military. Thousands of transgender people have served with honor and distinction in our nation's history, including the more than 134,000 transgender veterans who are alive today. We have qualified and trained transgender service members already in place, as well as transgender Americans who are able and willing to serve their country. Congress must defend these Patriot Americans.

A Defense Department study concluded that transgender service members do not harm unit cohesion, and allowing them to fulfill their duty will have no effect on military readiness or military budgets. The US military is the largest employer of transgender people in the world. There is simply no place for discrimination in the military.

Integrity is a core military value. Forcing transgender service members to pretend to be someone they're not undermines that integrity. As we learned in repealing Don't Ask, Don't Tell, allowing service members to be open about their identities strengthens our Armed Forces. All Americans should be judged for their qualifications, nothing more, nothing less.

What is next for the ACA?

Thanks to so many people for the never ending phone calls, visits, sharing of your stories, tweets, shares, etc the ACA was saved by a vote 51-49 by the Senate. While we should thank ourselves and our community we also need to be sure to thank every Senator who voted no especially those who voted against the majority of their party, Republican Senators [Susan Collins](#) (R-ME), [Lisa Murkowski](#) (R-AK) and [John McCain](#) (R-AZ).

While this was a win we should remain vigilant in speaking up as we don't know what will occur next. Here are some resources to help you stay connected to what is happening.

<https://www.indivisibleguide.com/>

<http://familiesusa.org/initiatives/protect-our-care>

https://chlpisalsalabs.org/hcim_subscribe/index.html

Continue to share stories

While we have a reprieve in regards to the ACA we still have to advocate for the needs of our community in the proposed President's Budget. Please consider sharing your stories and asking others to do the same. You can access each of our Senators pages below.

[Senator Jeff Merkley](#)

[Senator Wyden](#)

Study Shows that the ACA has reduced health socioeconomic disparities in health care access

[For full article visit here](#)

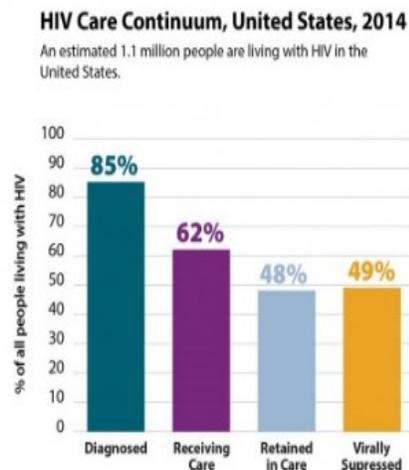
Abstract

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The United States has the largest socioeconomic disparities in health care access of any wealthy country. We assessed changes in these disparities in the United States under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We used survey data for the period 2011–15 from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System to assess trends in insurance coverage, having a personal doctor, and avoiding medical care due to cost. All analyses were stratified by household income, education level, employment status, and home ownership status. Health care access for people in lower socioeconomic strata improved in both states that did expand eligibility for Medicaid under the ACA and states that did not. However, gains were larger in expansion states. The absolute gap in insurance coverage between people in households with annual incomes below \$25,000 and those in households with incomes above \$75,000 fell from 31 percent to 17 percent (a relative reduction of 46 percent) in expansion states and from 36 percent to 28 percent in no expansion states (a 23 percent reduction). This serves as evidence that socioeconomic disparities in health care access narrowed significantly under the ACA.

More success!!

CDC has announced that 49% of people living with HIV are virally suppressed! This is an increase from 2011 when 30% were virally suppressed. [Visit here for full article](#)



The CDC's estimate of the proportion of all people living with HIV in the United States who have hit certain key benchmarks on the way to successful treatment for the virus.
CDC

Are you prepared for the Earthquake?



Don't get nervous, just prepared!!

Remember an ounce of prevention is worth ... well ok being prepared won't stop the earthquake from happening but it will make a HUGE difference in the aftermath.

Here are some resources that you may find helpful:

[Earthquake Safety Information](#)

[Tsunami Safety Information](#)

Living on Shaky Ground ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

[Without Warning Earthquake](#)

Without Warning Tsunami ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

[Two Weeks Ready](#)



Where will you be for the eclipse?

It's not as important where you will be but more important that wherever you are that you protect your eyes!!!!

[Oregon Live](#) offers some places you can purchase glasses.

Here are some additional resources around safety when watching the eclipse and where you should be to have the best view.

[American Optometric Association](#)

[NASA- Eclipse 101](#)

[Travel Oregon](#)

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