

Oregon HIV and STD Program Prevention Briefs

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What's in an Acronym? The IPG is now OSPG.

Oregon, like all jurisdictions that receive federal funds for HIV prevention and HIV care & treatment, has a statewide planning group that helps guide those efforts. Until this year, the planning group was called the Integrated HIV/VH/STI Planning Group (or IPG, for short). But this year, the group voted to simplify the name, changing it to the End HIV/STI Oregon Statewide Planning Group (or OSPG, for short).

Why the name change?

OSPG members felt the old name was complicated. Because the group is focused on including new members and partners from diverse communities, they wanted something that could be easily explained. They liked the brand recognition that came with aligning with the End HIV Oregon name.

Who are OSPG members?

OSPG is a group of about 35 members that represent all parts of Oregon. Members include people living with HIV, people from priority populations, people working across the status-neutral continuum (e.g., in HIV/STI prevention and treatment), and people representing other parts of the syndemic (e.g., viral hepatitis, substance use treatment, housing, etc.). The group aims to convene a group that is diverse in terms of demographics and experience. Membership has been limited to under-represented groups, to support diversity and equity.

Do you have to be a member to participate?

No! Most OSPG meetings are open to the public and people may elect to regularly participate in meetings as a partner. OSPG partners receive all communications related to OSPG and may participate in meeting discussions. Partners may not vote or receive stipends for meeting attendance.

What does the OSPG do?

OSPG's mission is to help advise OHA in the development and implementation of our efforts to eliminate HIV and STI in Oregon. This year, the OSPG has been busy providing input on development of a new 5-year End HIV/STI Oregon Strategy, which will be completed by the end of the year. OSPG meets about 4 times per year and provides input in a variety of ways, as needed.

How do I find out more?

Visit our [End HIV/STI Oregon Statewide Planning Group website](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/HIVSTDVIRALHEPATITIS/HIVPREVENTION/Pages/briefs.aspx) to learn more, attend a meeting, or apply to be a member or partner.

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Getting to know Alison Goldstein (she/her/hers) HIV/STD Prevention and Surveillance Manager

Alison is our new HIV/STD Prevention and Surveillance Program manager. As Program Manager, she is responsible for direction, oversight and accountability in accordance with our federal and state mandates and serves as the liaison to local health departments for program-related issues. Alison has a long history with HIV/STI education and outreach, starting in the late 80's as a peer counselor in high school. She volunteered with the Florida AIDS Hotline and the local AIDS service organization while in college, then was an HIV case manager and managed HIV prevention contracts for sixteen central and coastal counties in Florida. After moving to Oregon, she managed Cascade AIDS Project's HIV Prevention and Education programs before working for the HIV/STD/HCV program at Multnomah County for over 11 years. Most recently, Alison worked as the EMS program supervisor at Multnomah County, managing their ambulance contract and helping to coordinate medical first response.

When not at work, you can find Alison sharing yummy food with friends, going to concerts, going out dancing, playing pool, exploring Oregon and spending time with her son (almost 18), significant other, dog and cat. Feel free to call or [email Alison](#) with questions, concerns or feedback, or just to introduce yourself.

Getting to know Gianna Bortoli (she/her/hers) HIV Prevention Specialist

As our new HIV Prevention Specialist, Gianna supports the [ONE at Home](#) (mail-order condom) program, the End HIV Oregon Sponsorship Award program, the Syringe Service Program, and home and self-collected testing (Take Me Home, Part B, and Molecular Testing Lab contracts) as well as providing technical support to the director's office for their CBO equity grants related to HIV Prevention.

Gianna has always been interested in biology and its intersections with health, especially reproductive health and sexually transmitted infections. She spent time working in a molecular biology lab but ultimately decided to make the shift to public service by working in case management services for the Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities long term care program. Beginning in college, Gianna also volunteered with local HIV organizations and was looking to pivot to public health, which led her to the HIV Prevention Specialist position. She is interested in conversations around HIV and other STIs as a way to reduce stigma and works to connect people with the resources they need.

In her free time, Gianna likes to eat (both home cooked meals and going out to restaurants), ride her bike, listen to live music, and spend time with friends and family.

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Getting to know Jenya Gluzberg (she/her/hers) STD Prevention Specialist

Jenya, our new STD Prevention Specialist, coordinates Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) workforce development, training and evaluation, and manages the contracts for HIV/STD prevention services in Curry and Wallowa counties. She came to OHA from Quest Center for Integrative Health, where she was the Senior Manager of HIV Peer Support. She looks forward to the opportunity to contribute to a wider scope of public health work at OHA and is excited to create trainings and provide guidance to those who conduct STD prevention work. The role offers a chance to not only continue learning but also impart what she has learned to others. She fell in love public health while working in HIV Case Management as a technician, where she learned that the most important thing when providing services is to listen to what people are telling you, not what you want to hear or think they should be saying.

In her free time, Jenya enjoys watching TV, going to the movies, attending dance classes, supporting her friends' artistic ventures, being dragged on hikes, attending local hardcore shows, eating a variety of delicious foods around Portland, and cuddling with her two cats, June and Pickle.

Plain Language

Oregon law requires all state agencies to prepare public communications in language that is as clear and simple as possible ([ORS 183.750](#)). This includes publications, forms and instructions, licenses, agency notices and administrative rules.

When we write clearly, more people can understand our documents, and they are easier to translate into other languages. Plain language makes clients the priority.

Plain Language Tips

- Use everyday words that convey meanings clearly and directly
- Use present tense and active voice
- Use short, simple sentences
- Define only those words that cannot be properly explained or qualified in the text
- Use type of a readable size
- Use layout and spacing that separate the paragraphs and sections of the document from each other

Plain Language Resources

- [Plain Language Basics](#)
- [ODHS and OHA Writing Style Guide](#) (page 8)
- [Federal Plain Language Guidelines](#)
- Tip: In Microsoft Word, click on "Review," then "Spelling and Grammar" for a readability review. The Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level shows the US grade reading level. Aim for 8 or below.