

Dear Traditional Health Worker,

Rogue Community College, in southern Oregon, was asked to lead a statewide needs assessment, to better assess what is happening with Traditional Health Workers throughout the State. There are three main goals of the needs assessment:

- 1) identifying the functions and processes for THWs to determine how they fit into the CCO or primary care model;
- 2) determine how THW knowledge and skills can be integrated into current employment positions, and;
- 3) determine how to successfully identify and train those who will be most effective in the THW role.

We are looking for individuals to participate in Focus Groups, being held throughout the State, who currently practice in a Traditional Health Worker role (not supervisors, unless they currently work in a THW role.) Traditional Health Workers include Community Health Workers, Peer Support Specialists, Peer Wellness Specialist, Personal Health Navigators, and/or Doulas.

While we cannot reimburse for travel or time, we will provide lunch and give you a chance to share your experience as a Traditional Health Worker in Oregon. You will also receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card for your participation.

If you can participate, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/traditional-health-worker-focus-groups-tickets-17756939484> to select your preferred location and letting us know you will be there! Space is limited to 10 individuals per focus group.

The information we will collect is vital to policy makers and organizations employing THWs. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to meeting you.