

Housing Stabilization



Oregon Housing and Community Services

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SUBJECT: Homeless Services Convening – Postpone due to COVID-19

Community Action Agency Partners,

Last month we sent out a [SAVE THE DATE](#) notice with the intent of hosting a two-day convening in late May, early June. The date and venue were secured and a CAA focus group worked with staff to plan the agenda and activities. However, as we work as a community to respond to the impact of COVID-19, heeding guidelines from our public health officials regarding social distancing measures, we are officially postponing the Convening to a later date.

The Convening will take place after it has been determined and announced that public health precautions have been lifted and the virus is not an immediate risk. Be certain that we are committed to delivering a successful Convening in the near future.

As with any public health or natural disaster, we know that those who are unhoused are often more at risk for poor health outcomes or other traumas. We understand that the spread of communicable disease is much more likely without adequate access to hygiene facilities or safe shelter.

Visit the [Oregon Health Authority](#), [Housing and Urban Development](#), and [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) for more information on shelter guidance, social distancing, and COVID-19 specific information. OHCS has online resources as well, linked [HERE](#).

Now more than ever, the work you do for people without houses, adequate shelter and hygiene is critical. Thank you for your commitment to helping those in need. The OHCS Homeless Services team is and continues to work with government and non-governmental partners to implement and deliver a coordinated COVID-19 response to people experiencing homelessness.

With appreciation,

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