

PRIME+

*Peer Recovery Initiated in Medical Establishments +
HCV/HIV Testing and Linkage to Treatment*

Mission & Vision

- PRIME+ peers work with people who are at risk of or receiving treatment for overdose, infection or other health issues related to substance use.
- PRIME+ peers engage people who may be out of treatment and who are at varying stages of change, using a harm reduction approach.

WHY PRIME+?

Oregon is widely affected by opioid and methamphetamine use and harms, including overdose and infections (such as hepatitis C) related to injection drug use. Oregon Health Authority has funded organizations around the state to implement the PRIME+ peer program to engage people in need of support and connect them to resources, services, and care.

WHO are PRIME+ peers?

- PRIME+ peers are people from long-term recovery, credentialed as Peer Recovery Support Specialists, with harm reduction and infectious disease prevention training.
- PRIME+ peers may work from a treatment agency, recovery organization, nonprofit organization, or health department to support people who are using substances in harmful ways.

WHERE is PRIME+?

50+ peers

20+ counties

18 organizations

3 regions in OR

North

Benton, Clackamas,
Clatsop, Columbia,
Lincoln, Linn, Marion,
Multnomah,
Tillamook,
Washington

East

Baker, Deschutes,
Grant, Klamath,
Malheur, Morrow,
Umatilla, Wallowa

South

Coos, Curry,
Douglas, Jackson,
Josephine, Lane

WHAT is peer support?

- Peer support is about understanding another's situation empathically through shared experience.
- PRIME+ peers are "recovery peers," meaning they support the people they work with in all stages of their recovery journey – from abstinence to active use. Peers support people to reach self-identified goals for health, well-being, and quality of life.

WHAT do PRIME+ peers provide?

- Linkage to substance use **treatment and recovery** supports
- Linkage to **physical healthcare**
- Support for **infectious disease testing and treatment** (hepatitis C)
- Access to **community resources** to meet basic needs
- Support for signing up for **health insurance** (OHP)
- Access to **harm reduction supplies** like safer use kits and naloxone
- **Emotional and crisis support**

HOW do PRIME+ peers connect?

1. Community partners make referrals to PRIME+ peers
 - Hospitals/Emergency Depts
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Coordinated Care Organizations
 - Health clinics, primary care providers
 - Justice systems
 - SUD treatment programs, sobering centers
 - Syringe service programs
2. Peers do direct outreach to engage individuals in the community
3. Individuals can “self refer”

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