



Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

March 18, 2026

Aging, Disability, and Veterans
Services Division

Department of County Human Services

Meeting goals

- Welcome
- Accessibility
- Land acknowledgement
- Introductions: members, County staff, and guests
- DSAC Annual Action Planning Discussion
- DSAC Quarterly report out
- Break
- Safety Net program presentation
- Stipend Policy and Process Review and Updates
- Public testimony (call for public comment)
- Reminders and Wrap-up



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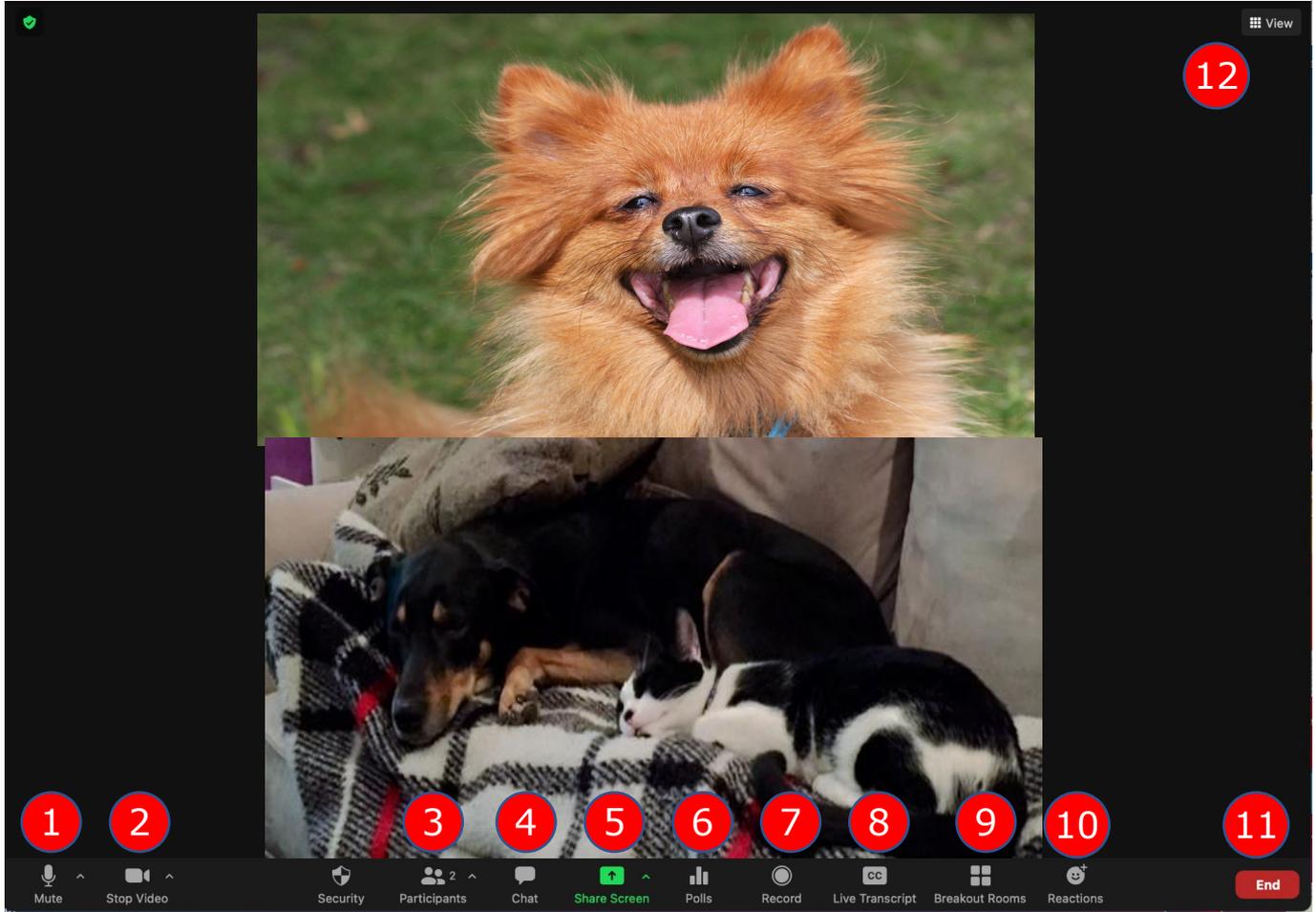
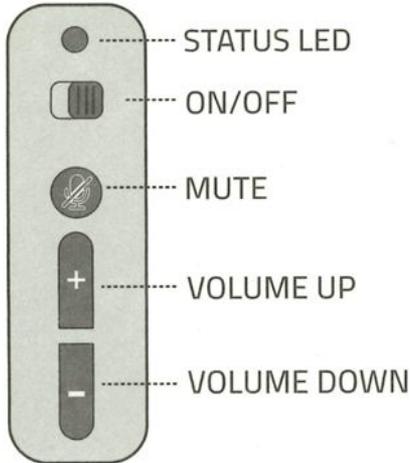


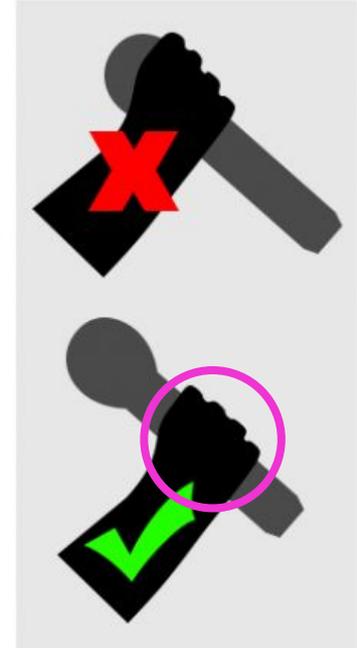
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Using the microphone

Green solid – mic on
Green blinking – standby



Hold the mic about 5cm/2" from your mouth...



and don't cup it!
(unless you're rapping)



Accessibility statement

We will (imperfectly!) model accessible presentation techniques such as:

- Using a minimum of 20 point font on slides.
- Limiting reliance on words and images.
- Orally describe visual presentation elements.
- Taking time on slides.
- Ask ahead of time if anyone needs accommodations.



Accessibility statement, continued

- Use a virtual platform with auto-generated closed captioning.
- Include alternate text or image descriptions.
- Accommodations were requested and met.
- In use—voice amplification.
- Not in use—ASL interpretation, CART services.



Land acknowledgement

We are located in Portland, Oregon, Multnomah county.

Today, we honor the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on—the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River.

It is important we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them.

In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

Quick introductions

Please share:

- Your name
- Pronouns
- Prompt:

What is one word or phrase that describes Spring for you?



Annual Planning Discussion

- **Review the Area Plan Focus Areas**
- **Review the Focus Areas with directly related ASAC/DSAC tasks**
- **Reflective discussion to reach consensus on what the council wants to work on this year**



Review of Terms

Area Plan: An Area Plan on Aging is a comprehensive 4-year document developed by local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to assess, plan, and deliver services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Mandated by the Older Americans Act, it acts as a blueprint, setting goals for community resources, nutrition, transportation, and caregiver support.



Review of Terms (cont.)

Focus Areas: *the key strategic priorities and specialized service domains*

- **Goal:** *The desired result*
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- **Measurable objective:** *Specific and you can measure it*

Task:

- *The action(s) to take and the work to do to achieve the goal*



Area Plan: List of the Focus Areas

- **Information & Referral**
- **Nutrition**
- **Health Promotion**
- **Family Caregivers**
- **Legal Assistance & Elder Rights**
- **Native American Elders**
- **Transportation Services**
- **Trans, Nonbinary and Two-Spirit elders**
- **Veterans services**



Area Plan: Focus Areas with ASAC/DSAC task(s)

- **Information & Referral**
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- Veterans services
- **Data, Program Evaluation and Research**



Focus Area: Information & Referral Focus

- **Goal:** Older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers know about the ADRC Helpline and website. The ADRC is used and seen as a high-quality, easy-to-access tool for finding information, resources, and support. Community members are aware of the ADRC and its related programs.

- **Measurable objective 3:**

Help service providers and the public learn about and access the ADRC and its related services.

Task:

- **Begin an advocacy group with ASAC/DSAC to strategize how to ensure District Senior Center providers are available to all populations in their service district.**



Focus Area: Transportation Focus

- **Goal: ADVSD will explore innovative solutions with transportation community partners to find new ride options that better meet the non-medical transportation (NMT) needs of our consumers.**
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Measurable objective:

Additional rides and options for ADVSD consumers will be available for NMT that are safe, cost-effective and efficient.

Task:

- **Begin an advocacy group with ASAC & DSAC members to strategize how to expand transportation services.**



Focus Area: Trans, Nonbinary and Two Spirit Elders Focus

- **Goal:** Transgender and nonbinary people are involved in community-centered processes to improve services for older adults and people with disabilities.
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Measurable objective:

Incorporate feedback and recommendations from transgender and nonbinary older adults and two spirit elders into program decisions

Task:

- **Recruit for ADVSD advisory councils to ensure Trans, Nonbinary and Two Spirit representation on ASAC and DSAC.**



Area Plan: the ASAC/DSAC tasks

1. Begin an advocacy group with ASAC/DSAC to strategize how to ensure District Senior Center providers are available to all populations in their service district.
2. Begin an advocacy group with ASAC & DSAC members to strategize how to expand transportation services.
3. Recruit for ADVSD advisory councils to ensure Trans, Nonbinary and Two Spirit representation on DSAC.



Discussion Questions

Looking at these tasks for **Information & Referral**, **Transportation**, or **Representation**, which one do you think would make the biggest difference in your daily life or the lives of your neighbors?

Beyond the tasks we just discussed, are there any other projects or different types of work you feel our council should focus on this year?



Report out: DSAC Quarterly 2/24/26

The **Oregon Talking Book and Braille Library**, presented by Tiff Bowers, is part of the National Library and provides lifelong library services for anyone in Oregon with a print, visual, physical, or reading impairment who cannot read standard 12-point fonts. They offer free audio books mailed to homes with necessary equipment, as well as electronic and print braille materials and descriptive DVDs. The service currently serves 4,500 citizens across Oregon with a collection of over 150,000 books. More information is available at

<https://www.oregon.gov/library/print-disabilities/Pages/Eligibility.aspx>.



Lifelong Housing is Good for Everyone

ODHS APD
Disability Services Advisory Council
Quarterly Meeting
February 24, 2026



CONNIE SALDANA, MIM, CAPS



Report out: DSAC Quarterly 2/24/26

FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE METRO AREA, THERE IS AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE:



[Liveablehomes.org](https://liveablehomes.org)





The Rogue Valley Council of Government's **Lifelong Housing Certification Project** is a voluntary certification process for evaluating the accessibility and/or adaptability of homes. Developed in partnership with AARP Oregon, the project is designed to help meet the growing market demand for accessible housing in our region and to enable older adults and people with disabilities to age in place safely and independently.



**I'M TAKING
A BREAK**

15-minute break

ADVSD Safety Net Program

Presented by Marcie Liesgang and Monique Jimenez

<https://multco.us/info/safety-net-program>

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Eviction Prevention Assistance Available

Rent

Deposit

Utility Bills

One Time Housing Support Service

(extreme clean, pest control prep, packing, moving)

Short-term intensive case management

(connecting to support services/walking through eviction process)



Program Criteria

- 60 years old or better or 18-59 with SSA Disability Determination
 - Income less than 200% SSI
(*\$1934/mo for individual; \$2900 couple*)
 - Assets less than \$2000
 - Must live in Multnomah County
- Must meet risk factors (e.g. eviction) and have stable plan



FY25

Safety Net Referrals Outcomes- Number

694

Total Referrals

523

Approved

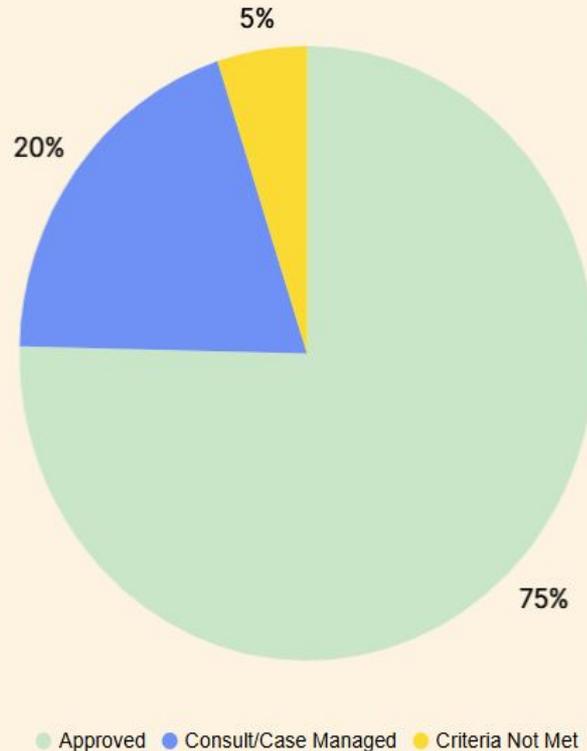
136

Consult/Case Managed

35

Criteria Not Met

Safety Net Referral Outcomes- Percentage



Types of Services Requests

793

Total Service Requests

241

Rent Assistance

47

Deposit Assistance

297

Utility Assistance

53

Moving Assistance

40

Pest Control Preparation Assistance

43

Extreme Cleaning Assistance

66

Special Medical Need Assistance

Note: Each referral may contain multiple service requests.

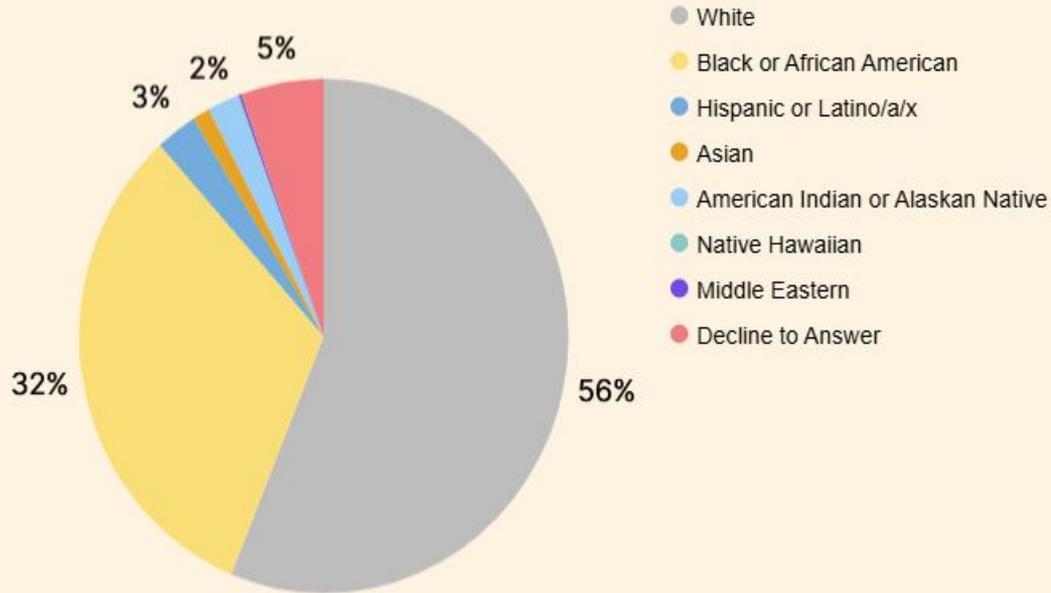
Number of People Served

828

Includes: Applicants, co-applicants, & household members of approved referrals, consult/case managed referrals, and case staffings.

FY25

Ethnicity/Race- All Referrals



Ethnicity/Race- All Referrals

White: 56%

Black or African American: 32%

Hispanic or Latino/a/x: 3%

Asian: 1.15%

American Indian or Alaskan Native: 2%

Native Hawaiian: 0.14%

Middle Eastern: 0.14%

Decline to Answer: 5%



FY26

- **July 1st 2025 through February 9th 2026**
= 456 people served so far
(380 approved/paid through Safety Net plus 77 consult/case managed)
- **On target to spend full funding, and help more people than last year.**



Budget for FY26

Total: \$562,423 (increase of \$6933 from FY25) **Plus HST funding**

Budget Categories

- Special Medical Needs **\$6000**
- Housing Direct **\$386,338**
- Contract Services: **\$170085**

Partnership with DCHS/YFS: Housing Stability Team Provider

- **\$39,585**



Program Staff Expertise

- Housing Eviction/FED (forcible entry/detainer) process
- Holistic assessments (Risk, SPL)
- Aging/Disability Service Systems (OAA, Medicaid, LTSS)
(and intersections with Behavioral Health, Health, I/DDSD)
- Reasonable Accommodations
- Pest Infestations: Control and Mitigation
Multnomah County Bed Bug Hotline
- Hoarding: developing plans to mitigate eviction risk
Multnomah County Hoarding Task Force



PARTNERSHIP/REFERRAL SOURCES

District Senior Centers

Northwest Pilot Project

Adult Protective Services

Long Term Services & Supports

Legal Aid Services of Oregon

Fair Housing Council of Oregon

Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative

Housing Providers (REACH, Home Forward)

Health Professionals/Clinics (e.g. OHSU Knight Cancer Institute)

Department of Recording, Assessment and Taxation



Call the ADRC

503-988-3646

You can refer your client directly

or

You can call on your client's behalf



ASAC/DSAC Stipend Policy Update

Payment Options & Tax Rules: Compliance with new accounting rules from the Department of County Assets.

- **Payment Methods:** Choose between **Check, Direct Deposit, or Fred Meyer Gift Card.**
- **Required Paperwork:**
 - **W-9 Form:** Required for *all* members receiving any form of payment.
 - **ACH Form:** Required only for those choosing direct deposit.
- **Tax Implications:** A **1099 federal tax form** will be issued if total annual payments reach **\$600 or more.**
- **Privacy:** Your forms are mailed directly to County Accounting to protect sensitive information.



ASAC/DSAC Stipend Policy Update

Technology Reimbursement

- **Benefit:** One-time reimbursement of up to **\$600** for devices (laptop, tablet, smartphone) or accessories (headsets, hotspots).
- **Eligibility:** Must be an appointed member and attend **3 consecutive monthly meetings** before qualifying.
- **Process:**
 - Member purchases equipment first and submits receipts.
 - Processing by County financial team takes **30–60 days** via check or direct deposit.
- **Ownership:** Members retain equipment after completing their full term (2–3 years).



ASAC/DSAC Stipend Policy Update

Monthly Participation Stipends

- **Total Monthly Eligibility:** Up to **\$65 per month** when a required council meeting is attended.
- **Breakdown:**
 - **\$30 Participation Stipend:** Covers meeting time and related work (advocacy, work groups, etc.).
 - **\$35 Digital Access Stipend:** Offsets ongoing costs like internet or phone services.
- **Note:** Stipends are not paid for additional council related activities in the same month or if a meeting is canceled by leadership.



ASAC/DSAC Stipend Policy Update

Getting Your Stipend: Timelines and physical receipt requirements.

- **Timelines:** County Finance takes 30-40 days to process payments.
 - Example: Direct Deposit or check payment for a February meeting arrives late March.
- **Gift Card Pick-up:**
 - Cards for the previous month are available for pick-up at the **next** meeting.
 - **Must sign and date** a receipt log in person.
- **Certified Mail:** If you cannot attend in person, gift cards are sent via **certified mail** and must be signed for at your home or post office.



Public testimony

- Open for public testimony or comment.



Reminders and Wrap-Up

- Please remember tell Deric you are attending.
Transportation and food for in-person meetings must be completed several days in advance.
- Please remember to update your contact information with our office if it changes.
- Next meeting – Joint ASAC/DSAC on Tuesday, April 21
 - 10am-noon
- Thanks for attending!

