

Adult Care Home Program Newsletter

June 2025

Message From the ACHP Program Manager: Adult Care Home Conference

Thank you to all the providers who attended the Adult Care Home Conference. I do believe it is a unique and exciting event to host for you and our residents alike. So many people stopped to express their gratitude and appreciation during the event and how nice it is to just come together as a community collectively.

The county photographer took some great pictures, so please check out the photo gallery on the event page, [Adult Care Home Conference](https://link.multco.us/care-home-conference), link.multco.us/care-home-conference.

I also want to thank our sponsors and vendors. Their support of the conference and your work is appreciated. Once again, Synkwise provided some amazing raffle prizes. The raffle was an excellent way to end the day, and so were the two rounds of Happy Birthday we sang to celebrate a couple of birthdays.

This year the conference's theme was Building Communities of Care, a way to acknowledge the hard work that goes into the care you provide to your residents day in and day out. I hope that you all enjoyed this break from your everyday work and the chance to come together as a community for learning, friendship and of course, LEGO dinosaurs.

Steven Esser

ACHP Program Manager

Free 10 Course Learning Program for APD Adult Care Home Operators

Community-Based Care (CBC) Education is a free 10 course program for all APD adult care home operators. The course is also open to licensed nurses. Each course includes resident scenarios, interactive exercises and downloadable templates. Courses include:

- Care management
- Medication management
- Behavioral health
- Nursing role in APD adult care homes

Participants can choose which courses to take, and each course provides one CEU.

This program is provided through NurseLearn, but you don't have to be a nurse to enroll. All APD adult care home operators are encouraged to enroll.

To sign up, visit [NurseLearn](https://nurselearn.com), nurselearn.com, and enter your information in the Get Started box, then check your email to complete your application.

Sprinkler Requirements Postponed

The state legislature has extended the deadline for adult care homes to install automatic sprinkler systems to July 1, 2028. The legislature will most likely review the subject again in the 2027 legislative session.

PSU Trainings Now Available Online

Earlier this year Portland State University hosted a provider training series reflecting topics most requested by APD adult foster home providers. These live trainings were recorded, and the recordings are now available online in Workday Learning for continued education.

- [Regulatory Best Practices,](https://link.multco.us/psu.regulatory)
link.multco.us/psu.regulatory
- [Making Time: Documentation is not a Dirty Word,](https://link.multco.us/psu.documentation)
link.multco.us/psu.documentation
- [Representing the Person in the Care,](https://link.multco.us/psu.care.plan)
link.multco.us/psu.care.plan
- [Small Business Foundations,](https://link.multco.us/psu.business)
link.multco.us/psu.business
- [Behavioral Management: Escalation and De-Escalation in AFH,](https://link.multco.us/psu.behavioral)
link.multco.us/psu.behavioral

If you have any questions about the trainings in Workday, please email the policy team at apd.afhteam@odhs.oregon.gov or training at afhtraining.spd@odhs.oregon.gov.

Office Closed for Juneteenth

The Adult Care Home Program office will be closed on Thursday, June 19 for Juneteenth.

Check out the Multnomah County Library for Juneteenth events and books! [Juneteenth,](https://multcolib.org/juneteenth)
[multcolib.org/juneteenth.](https://multcolib.org/juneteenth)

APD Rule Advisory Committee on Caregiver Registry

The Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) is holding a Rule Advisory Committee meeting on June 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss new rules for creating a public online registry of caregivers, as required by Senate Bill 1556, which was passed in 2022.

This registry will include details such as their name, background check status, qualifications, completed trainings and location. The proposed rules will set the standards for caregiver certification, based on existing guidelines from APD and the Oregon Home Care Commission.

The draft rules include:

- Purpose
- Definitions
- Caregiver certification requirements
- Training verification requirements
- Registry requirements

For meeting details and materials, visit [APD Rule Advisory Committees,](https://link.multco.us/odhs.rac)
[link.multco.us/odhs.rac.](https://link.multco.us/odhs.rac)

If you have questions, contact Greg Goloborodko at 503-979-6034 or Gregory.Goloborodko@odhs.oregon.gov.

Tori Hiller Moves to New Position in County

Many of you are used to contacting Tori Hiller directly about background checks. Tori has accepted a position in a different department and is departing the ACHP after 9 years.

Please call the general ACHP phone number, 503-988-3000, or email advsd.adult.carehomeprogram@multco.us with your background check questions.

Good luck in your new role, Tori!

Training and Support

Sessions are online unless listed as in person.
To register call 503-988-3000 or email
advsd.adult.carehomeprogram@multco.us.

Orientation

Required for operator, resident manager and shift manager applicants.

Date: Tuesday, July 1

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)

Cost: \$55

Free Info Session for Operator Applicants

Date: Tuesday, July 15

Time: 9 – 11 a.m. (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)

First-year required trainings for operators, resident managers and shift managers:

In-Person Emergency Preparedness Planning

Date: Thursday, June 26

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233

Cost: \$30 | 3.5 CEUs

This session is open to all providers, even if they have previously taken Emergency Preparedness Planning. Every attendee will receive a binder with class materials.

In-Person Record Keeping Part A, Screening and Care Planning

Required for APD and MHA operators, resident managers and shift managers.

Date: Thursday, July 10

Time: 9 a.m. – noon

Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233

Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

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No In-Person Provider Meeting in June

2025 Small Business Resource Fair

Adult care home operators could benefit from the Building Better Business Together – Entrepreneur and Small Business Fair, organized by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Wednesday, June 18, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mt. Hood Community College, Vista Dining Hall and Town and Gown, 26000 SE Stark St, Gresham

Admission is free and open to the public, but registration is required to assist with food and refreshment planning. Register at [2025 Small Business Resource Fair, mhcc.edu/business-services/small-business-resource-fair](https://mhcc.edu/business-services/small-business-resource-fair).

New Video Highlights Adult Care Homes

We're excited to announce a new video and county news article highlighting adult care homes. The video and article focus on the homes of Mary Ndururi and Vicky Stana.

Thank you to Mary, Vicky, their families and the residents who live in their homes for sharing their experiences with the county communications team!

Read [A Home Away From Home, link.multco.us/ach.article](https://link.multco.us/ach.article), and watch the video on the [ACHP homepage, link.multco.us/adult-care-homes](https://link.multco.us/adult-care-homes).