

Adult Care Home Program Newsletter

November 2024

Oregon National Core Indicators® State of the Workforce Survey

If you are an APD operator, don't forget to complete the Oregon National Core Indicators® State of the Workforce Survey! This survey is for APD operators only.

This online survey collects information about caregivers, such as wages, benefits, turnover, length of employment and demographics. (In the survey caregivers are referred to as direct service workers.) Your participation in this survey is vital. The data collected will provide valuable insights to guide both state and national policies for ensuring an adequate supply of qualified caregivers.

If you did not receive an invitation email, please check your spam filter. The sender is staffstability@hsri.org and the subject is "Oregon National Core Indicators State of the Workforce Survey for Aging and Disabilities." The first email was sent out mid-September, and follow up emails have gone out earlier this month.

This survey takes approximately one hour to complete. You can save responses and return to the survey later as needed. The survey closes on Saturday, November 30.

Learn more at [APD National Core Indicators – State of the Workforce](https://link.multco.us/workforce.survey).
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For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Jackie Wetzel at jackie.wetzel@odhs.oregon.gov or 503-931-1443.

Senate Bill 99: Required Training

It's time to take the required training course **Providing Inclusive Care: Training for Oregon Long-Term Care Facility Staff**. All adult care home operators, staff and contractors must complete this free training course by Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

Certificate Validity: Your certificate is valid for 24 months from completion. It is transferable between adult care homes and facilities.

New Hires: All new staff hired in 2024 must meet the December 31, 2024 deadline. For staff hired on or after January 1, 2025, it is a pre-service training requirement.

This online course is offered through Oregon Care Partners, and it takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. This course provides 1.5 CEUs. To obtain a certificate of completion, each staff member must create their own account and take the training online as an individual. Operators should keep a copy of the certificate on file for each staff member.

Starting Friday, November 1, this course will also be offered in Spanish.

The goal of this training is to ensure that all staff are equipped to provide safe, respectful, and inclusive care for LGBTQIA2S+ residents and those living with HIV.

Register now at [Providing Inclusive Care: Training for Oregon Long-Term Care Facility Staff](https://link.multco.us/inclusive.care.training), link.multco.us/inclusive.care.training. Be sure to attend the right class! Oregon Care Partners provides other classes about LGBT rights, but only this one approved course fulfills the new training requirement.

Updated Forms Reflect SB 99 Inclusive Language

Find these updated forms at [Record Keeping Forms, multco.us/adult-care-home-information/record-keeping-forms](https://multco.us/adult-care-home-information/record-keeping-forms):

- Residents' Bill of Rights
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Resident Information Sheet
- APD and MHA Resident Screening Sheet
- I/DD Resident Screening Sheet
- Resident Rescreening Form

Find these updated forms at [Operator and Resident Manager Forms, multco.us/adult-care-home-information/operator-resident-manager-forms](https://multco.us/adult-care-home-information/operator-resident-manager-forms):

- Exception Request for Out of Class Resident
- Request for More Than One Bedbound Resident

Additional forms will be updated to reflect SB 99 inclusive language. Those updates will be shared via upcoming newsletters. Always check the website for the most current forms.

McGinty Conference on Alzheimer's, Dementia, Aging and Brain Health

The Alzheimer's Association McGinty Conference is Oregon's leading research and education event for professional caregivers. It features experts in the latest dementia science.

Lunch will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, November. 12

Time: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232

Cost: \$100 | 6.5 CEUs

Register at link.multco.us/McGinty

Reminders for Respiratory Illness Season

Each year, respiratory viruses are responsible for millions of illnesses and thousands of hospitalizations and deaths in the U.S. In addition to the virus that causes COVID-19, there are many other types of respiratory viruses, including flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The good news is there are actions you can take to help protect yourself and others from health risks caused by respiratory viruses.

Screening: Active screening of all visitors is no longer a requirement. A visitor log with the date, visitor's name and contact information will be helpful if there is a COVID-19 case in your home. This log can be used for contact tracing.

Care home visitors are encouraged to delay their visit if they are not feeling well or have any flu or COVID-19 symptoms.

Isolation Protocols: If a resident or caregiver is feeling unwell, they should stay away from others until they are feeling better and have been fever free, without the help of medication, for 24 hours. Extra precautions for the next five days will help reduce the risk of further spread. Masking and social distancing can help keep those around you protected.

Best practice is for a designated staff member to provide care to the infected resident and to have other staff attend to the needs of the non-infected residents in the home. Gloves, gowns, and masks should be disposed of after interacting with the infected resident.

Reporting: Positive COVID-19 test results should be reported to the ACHP within one business day using the ACHP COVID-19 Reporting Form. If there are two or more positive cases in the home, operators are required to contact the county's Communicable Disease Triage Line at 503-988-3406.

Find the COVID-19 Reporting Form at link.multco.us/achp.covid19.

Training and Support

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

Free Info Session for Operator Applicants

Date: Tuesday, November 19
Time: 9 – 11 a.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)

Orientation Required for operator, resident manager and shift manager applicants.

Date: Tuesday, December 3
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$55

In-Person Provider Meeting

No in-person provider meeting in Nov or Dec.

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

Record Keeping Part A, Screening and Care Planning

Required for APD and MHA operators, resident managers and shift managers.
Date: Thursday, November 7
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign-on 12:20 p.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

In-Person Record Keeping Part B, Medication Management

Date: Thursday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233

Date: Thursday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233

Date: Monday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Avenue Gresham, OR 97030

Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs *Class full through Oct.*

Emergency Preparedness Planning

Date: Tuesday, December 10
Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

Honoring Diversity

Date: Wednesday, December 18
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

Free Air Purifiers Available to APD Homes That Accept Medicaid

All APD adult care homes that accept Medicaid are eligible to receive two free HEPA air purifiers, and 12 replacement filters. These are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Shipping is also free.

To receive your free air purifiers, you must place your order by Friday, November 15.

If you received a free air purifier last summer from the state's APD office, you are still eligible to receive these free purifiers! They are being provided by Oregon Health Authority.

For questions, please contact Bailey Weissenfels, program manager with Oregon Health Authority Infection Prevention & Control, at bailey.r.weissenfels@oha.oregon.gov.

[MedifyAir Filtration Unit and Replacement Filter Distribution Project.](https://link.multco.us/air.purifier)
link.multco.us/air.purifier

Emergency Preparedness Survey

The ACHP is redesigning the Emergency Preparedness Planning first year mandatory training. Your feedback is valuable to ensure we provide the best content during future Emergency Preparedness Planning trainings. Please take this short survey!

[Emergency Preparedness Provider Survey](https://link.multco.us/emergency.survey)
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