

Adult Care Home Program Newsletter October 2025

Message From ACHP Program Manager: IDD Homes Licensed by the State

I can now confirm that starting January 1, 2026, the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) will be licensing all IDD adult foster homes in Oregon, including those in Multnomah County.

The ACHP and MCAR will no longer be the licensing authority for IDD homes, or provide direct support for these homes. ODDS and OAR will assume this role on January 1, 2026.

This change does not affect Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) or Behavioral Health (BH) licensed homes.

It does impact IDD interagency placements in APD and BH homes.

Here are some important updates for IDD homes and homes serving IDD residents:

- The ACHP is continuing to process IDD caregiver applications and conduct the IDD qualifying test until January 1, 2026.
- The ACHP is no longer accepting requests for IDD interagency placements in APD or BH homes.
- The ACHP is no longer accepting requests for APD or BH placements in IDD homes.
- The state sends out renewal applications 120 days before the renewal date. This means some IDD providers have started receiving renewal applications. Please complete the state's application if you've received it.

We strongly recommend that you attend all ODDS information meetings about this transition. This is an opportunity to provide your

feedback, ask questions and learn more about the plan and timeline. I attended the last meeting and it's clear that some issues and questions are still being worked out.

ODDS has also created a form for providers to ask questions about the transition. This will help shape an FAQ and updates to answer these questions: [Transition Feedback, link.multco.us/ODDS.feedback](https://link.multco.us/ODDS.feedback).

We understand that this transition raises many questions regarding licensing transfers, application processes, consumer support and more. Please direct these specific questions to ODDS directly, as the ACHP may not have the definitive answers at this time.

Thank you for your continued patience and collaboration as we navigate this period of transition together.

Steven Esser
ACHP Program Manager

ACHP Website and Forms Updates

- Find an updated self audit tool for APD and BH homes at Record Keeping Forms.
- Find the Resident Manager Exception Request and Shift Managers Exception Request in the Exception Section of [Record Keeping Forms, multco.us/info/record-keeping-forms](https://multco.us/info/record-keeping-forms).
- New Caregiver webpage shares caregiver requirements, [Adult Care Home Caregivers multco.us/info/adult-care-home-caregivers](https://multco.us/info/adult-care-home-caregivers).
- The Record Keeping Forms link in the header of the ACHP homepage has been shortened to Forms.

Vaccine Updates: Get Your COVID-19 and Flu Shots Now

Lately news headlines and updates from the federal government have caused vaccine confusion. Here in Oregon the West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) is issuing immunization recommendations for the 2025-2026 respiratory virus season. The governors of Oregon, Washington, California and Hawaii formed the WCHA to provide accurate guidance for residents in the region.

Vaccines are safe, effective and the best protection available against respiratory viruses such as COVID-19, influenza and RSV.

You can get an updated COVID-19 vaccine without a prescription in Oregon. Check with your pharmacy for availability. COVID-19 vaccines are also available at medical clinics and at your doctor's office.

It's also time to get your flu shot and for many people, an RSV vaccine.

Read more about the WCHA vaccine recommendations for children, pregnant or breastfeeding women, adults with health risk factors and older adults at [Consensus WCHA 2025-26 Respiratory Virus Season Immunization Recommendations](https://link.multco.us/wcha.25-26), link.multco.us/wcha.25-26. Find a helpful table of information on page 2.

Bookmark these trusted sources for future healthcare and vaccine updates:

[Oregon Health Authority](https://oregon.gov/oha/Pages/index.aspx),
oregon.gov/oha/Pages/index.aspx.

[Oregon Board of Pharmacy](https://oregon.gov/pharmacy/pages/index.aspx),
oregon.gov/pharmacy/pages/index.aspx.

If you need general vaccine or infection prevention support, email:
apd.populationhealth@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Required Wage Transparency Survey

Adult care homes that serve one or more Medicaid residents must complete the new required wage transparency survey.

You must report average hourly base pay for all caregivers employed on June 30, 2025. You only need to report on hourly base pay for that one day. Include all caregivers, even if they did not work on June 30.

This average hourly base pay does not include overtime, differentials or benefits.

Complete the survey at [Wage Transparency Required Survey](https://link.multco.us/wage.survey), link.multco.us/wage.survey

The report summarizing the data will not identify individual providers.

Providers who do not complete the survey may be restricted from serving Medicaid residents.

New Map Shares Current APD Vacancies

Now the general public can see current APD adult care home vacancies with one click! The new Public APD Vacancy Dashboard helps connect potential residents with your adult care homes. It's a great new tool to help you fill vacant rooms in your care homes.

Many of you have filled out the Vacancy Survey to share your current vacancies. The ACHP is using that info to update this vacancy map. To share info about vacancies in your adult care home, be sure to fill out the survey when it is emailed to you. The dashboard is updated every Friday.

To find the dashboard, click the button Adult Care Home Vacancies on the [ACHP homepage](https://link.multco.us/adult-care-homes), link.multco.us/adult-care-homes.

Training and Support

Sessions are online 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, October 21
Time: 9 – 11 a.m. (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)

In-Person Provider Meeting

Topic: Sleep and Older Adults
Presenter: Laurel Wonder, Multnomah County's
Older Adult Behavioral Health Team

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 1 – 4 p.m.
Sharron Kelley Room A,
600 NE 8th St., Gresham, OR 97030

Orientation

Required for operator, resident manager and
shift manager applicants.

Date: Tuesday, November 4
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)

Cost: \$55

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

In-Person Emergency Preparedness Planning

Date: Tuesday, October 14
Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Blue Lake Room,
600 NE 8th St., Gresham, OR 97030

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.

Honoring Diversity

Date: Thursday, October 16
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)

Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

In-Person Record Keeping Part B, Medication Management

Dates: Monday, October 20, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Ave,
Gresham, OR 97030

Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

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

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

Date: Thursday, November 6, 9 a.m. – noon

Location: Sharron Kelley Room A,
600 NE 8th St., Gresham, OR 97030

Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

Prepare House Now for Winter Storms

Fall is a good time of year to prepare your
house and property for winter storms.

- **Trees:** Remove dead or overhanging
branches that could fall on your roof, car or
a powerline during a storm.
- **Pipes:** Insulate pipes so they don't freeze
and burst when temperatures drop.
- **Heating system:** Schedule a professional
maintenance visit for your furnace or HVAC.
- **Gutters:** Clean gutters and downspouts.

Home and property maintenance can help
prevent an expensive accident this winter!