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## **Swinging doors at the state hospital Lawmakers must carefully balance patient care, taxpayer cost and public safety**

By The Oregonian Editorial Board, May 01, 2011

It's clear that some patients spend too long in the Oregon State Hospital, where a year of care and confinement costs \$200,000. It is less clear why that's so, and what the Legislature should do about it.

In the end, the only way to move people more quickly from the state hospital is to ensure that they have a place to go, one that provides an appropriate level of care and protects the public safety.

[Read more here.](#)

## **Doubts, Warnings to Lawmakers Fill Transformation Testimony**

**Groups are worried about leaving some vulnerable populations behind and skeptical about alleged cost savings**

David Rosenfeld, The Lund Report

April 28, 2011 -- Doubt and skepticism along with some strong warnings about revamping the Oregon Health Plan and other human services were heard loud and clear Wednesday night as lawmakers met to discuss House Bill 3650, the newly drafted healthcare transformation legislation.

[Read more here.](#)

## **Life and death lottery Portland's most vulnerable have a shot at a free home**

By peter korn, The Portland Tribune, May 5, 2011

As the Housing Authority of Portland prepares to open its \$47 million Bud Clark Commons near Union Station in Old Town, workers at four community health care clinics have administered Vulnerability Index tests to the city's homeless.

[Read more here.](#)

## **Oregon safety net programs should get first bite of any new revenue, says Kitzhaber**

By Harry Esteve, The Oregonian, May 06, 2011

Oregon's human service programs should go to the head of the line if the state has more money to spend than it expects, Gov. John Kitzhaber said today.

[Read more here.](#)

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## Mental Health Association of Portland Recent Website Postings as of May

[www.mentalhealthportland.org](http://www.mentalhealthportland.org)

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[Changes to Oregon State Hospital policies would threaten public safety](#)

[‘Bad apples’ hinder reform efforts at Oregon State Hospital](#)

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[Regarding Officer Chris Kilcullen and Mental Health Care](#)

## Poetry & Mental Health

This link takes you to a page at Rachel Gill’s blog where she shares some poems related to her experience with mental illness. She also records and produces original music under the name Pinki Tuscadero on Rez Records, her do-it-yourself record label and gives a link where you can go to preview her music.

[Click here to go to Rachel’s blog.](#)

## Mental Health Groups Want to Preserve Advanced Directives

By: David Rosenfeld, The Lund Report

April 29, 2011 -- A bill that would allow caregivers to ignore psychiatric advanced directives in certain cases of involuntary commitment has drawn opposition from the mental health community. After narrowly passing the House, it now moves to the ....

[Read more here.](#)

## The Numbers Have Dropped But Meth Still Takes Its Toll

OPB.org, April 27, 2011, April Baer

Police were pleased to see arrests for meth possession drop after the state cracked down on pseudoephedrine – a key ingredient in home-made meth. But the anti-meth policy hasn’t completely insulated Oregon from meth abuse.

[Read more here.](#)

## Kitzhaber, Feds could meet soon about OSH

**Inquiry into state hospital is going on five years this June**

Alan Gustafson, Statesman Journal , April 24, 2011

Oregon State Hospital has been in the crosshairs of federal civil-rights investigators since mid-2006, and there appears to be no end in sight to the long-running inquiry.

[Read more here.](#)

## Perverse financial incentives driving medicaid costs.

professored.com

How managed care at risk contracts deepen disability and drive medicaid costs sky high.

[Read more here.](#)

## Disease Wars

Jenny Westberg, April 19th, 2011

[www.mentalhealthportland.org](http://www.mentalhealthportland.org)

“All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” George Orwell probably wasn’t thinking about health conditions when he wrote this, but that’s one of the ways it’s played out.

[Read more here.](#)

## Oregon Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers

Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers are advocates who visit the residents of long-term care facilities, identifying complaints and concerns. They investigate these complaints and work with the staff of the facilities to resolve problems, advocating from the resident's point of view.

Certified Ombudsmen Volunteers set their own schedule, attend monthly support group meetings, and volunteer about five hours a week.

Training for this volunteer job consists of five classroom sessions and one facility visit. The next trainings in the Portland area are in May, August and November.

Before attending training, volunteers complete an application, interview and pass a background check. To apply, call 1-800-522-2602 or email [LTCO.volunteer@state.or.us](mailto:LTCO.volunteer@state.or.us)

Go to <http://www.oregon.gov/LTCO/> to learn more.

### Art Lovers:

#### Visit NAMI's Open Minds Art Studio

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Clackamas County invites you to engage in our Open Minds Art Studio. NAMI volunteers recognizing the natural therapeutic value art has had in their own lives created Open Minds Art Studio. The studio is open to Peers living with a mental illness, friends or family who care for someone with a mental illness and any supportive persons who love arts and crafts.

Use NAMI's donated supplies and/or bring your own! Art Studio is open Tuesdays 1:30 pm to 3:00pm & Thursdays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Drop-in, but we'd love a call or e-mail that you're coming!

(503)344-5050 [nami.clackamas@gmail.com](mailto:nami.clackamas@gmail.com)

Art Studio at NAMI of Clackamas County office  
10202 SE 32nd Ave, Suite 501, Milwaukie 97222  
(middle of green buildings on Providence Hospital campus).

**ART SUPPLY DONATIONS:** As visiting artists use supplies, they need to be replenished. If interested in donating, please call or e-mail. We can share wants and you can share what you might have for us. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Thank you for your support!

## NorthStar News

### Call for artists

Are you an artist, or do you know a peer who is an artist? There are opportunities to show original art at NorthStar.

Our plan in the near future is to have a group show when we have enough contributing artists. Also, aspiring artists may have opportunities to participate in special workshops to do art together at NorthStar. We will try to keep you updated in the Events section of The Compass if we plan to schedule creative classes.

For more information, please contact Jason Ingram at: [creativealaskan@yahoo.com](mailto:creativealaskan@yahoo.com).

### Subscribe to The Compass newsletter or see it online

The Compass is NorthStar's newsletter. Keep up with what's going on at NorthStar by subscribing. Call 971-544-7485

or email [info@northstarportland.org](mailto:info@northstarportland.org).

Or see it online at [www.northstarportland.org](http://www.northstarportland.org). Just click on Programs and Activities on top of the website.

### Career Mapping Workshops

Career Mapping Workshops are a fun and interactive opportunity for members to explore their natural gifts and career interests. This workshop will help lay a strong foundation for determining the next steps for pursuing employment and training goals. Call 971-544-7485 or email [info@northstarportland.org](mailto:info@northstarportland.org) to become a member and attend the workshops. There's a good article on the workshops in the May/June Compass newsletter.

### NAMI Multnomah NorthStar positions open

NAMI Multnomah is hiring a Job Developer and Generalist Staff for NorthStar. NorthStar is a clubhouse to be modeled on the standards set by the International Center for Clubhouse Design (ICCD).

Go to [www.nami.org/multnomah](http://www.nami.org/multnomah) and click NorthStar for job descriptions and for instructions to apply for these positions.

For more information about NAMI Multnomah's NorthStar, email [nami.multnomah@gmail.com](mailto:nami.multnomah@gmail.com).

## Join us at NorthStar

What is NorthStar?

A place to go. A place to return to.  
A place to find meaningful relationships.  
A place to find fulfilling work.

NorthStar is a mental health recovery program for adults living in the Portland metro area who have a mental illness. NorthStar provides a safe and welcoming environment where members can participate in a peer-supported community, promoting independence, confidence, wellbeing, and recovery.

The NorthStar community provides acceptance and encouragement for individual goals and achievements while supporting members in employment, education, reaching-out, skill-building, social activities, and recreation.

Now in the foundational stage as a program of NAMI Multnomah, NorthStar will ultimately seek certification through the International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD). For more information about the ICCD Clubhouse model go to [www.iccd.org](http://www.iccd.org). The Clubhouse model has been very successful with helping people with mental illness to stay out of hospitals while achieving social, financial, educational and vocational goals.

An ICCD Clubhouse is fully run by members with the assistance of a few paid staff personnel. Because members operate NorthStar, they share ownership and responsibility for it's success.

The ICCD model offers members a "work ordered day.." Members and staff meet together, decide objectives and assign tasks for the day. Staff and members work together as equals in decision making and daily operations. The skills, ideas and abilities of each member are recognized and encouraged. Members also organize and lead classes and activities. NorthStar has opportunities for members to contribute in several units: Clerical/ Outreach, Health and Wellness, and Creative Design.

### Contact us for more information!

522 N.E. 52nd Ave., Portland, OR, (971)544-7485

[Northstarportland.org](http://Northstarportland.org)

[info@northstarportland.org](mailto:info@northstarportland.org)

## OREGON CONSUMER SURVIVOR COALITION (OCSC)

OCSC unites mental health consumers and psychiatric survivor organizations state-wide throughout Oregon! OCSC wants to include you!

### OCSC Mission Statement

To establish a statewide network of people who identify as having a psychiatric diagnosis, and/or who feel labeled by one; to share ideas; provide mutual support; work toward common goals; strengthen peer-run organizations; and advocate for positive change in the mental health system.

We support inclusion and ask you to speak up - tell us what you want to CHANGE ABOUT OREGON'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM! Tell us who you are (or not). What works for you? What doesn't? What is your vision and your story. How do you think OCSC can be a force with the Oregon state legislature?

### Get Free E-mail News Updates about OCSC:

<http://www.intenex.net/lists/listinfo/ocsc-news>

### Visit Our OCSC Blog:

<http://ocscblog.wordpress.com/>

OCSC has a public free e-mail **DISCUSSION** list to talk with others about OCSC:

<http://www.intenex.net/lists/listinfo/ocsc-talk>

Contact info: Address: OCSC P.O. BOX 11284 Eugene, OR 97440

Email contact: [oregon.united@gmail.com](mailto:oregon.united@gmail.com) (Ask about becoming a group sponsor!)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR \$1 OR MORE - PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN

## New Framework Proposed for Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM5)

The proposed changes to the organizational structure and revisions to diagnostic criteria will be available for review and comment at

[www.DSM5.org](http://www.DSM5.org) from May 4 to June 15, 2011

### **CASCADIA CONSUMER/SURVIVOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Meets on the third Thursday of each month we at  
Cascadia's SE Plaza at 3 pm**

Take part in our Consumer Advocacy Project which will allow us to be participants in multiple forms of health reform advocacy at the local and state levels, including at Cascadia.

Contact: Amy Anderson 971-340-8942 or at  
(Note: new email address)  
[plazaconsumer@gmail.com](mailto:plazaconsumer@gmail.com)

Cascadia's SE Plaza is at 2415 SE 43<sup>rd</sup> – go to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Street entrance, then to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and we are in conference room 3 on the right (if the door isn't open yet, please sit in the waiting area until the meeting starts). Guests are welcome.

### **Garlington Client Council**

**Meets on the first Thursday of each month  
at Cascadia's Garlington Clinic at 10 am**

Cascadia's Garlington Clinic is at 3034 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and we meet in room G2.

Contact: Ryan Hamit 971-340-8774 or at  
(Note: new email address)  
[garlingtonconsumer@gmail.com](mailto:garlingtonconsumer@gmail.com)

### **Want to help improve interactions between police & people with disabilities in Portland?**

From [www.disabilityrightsoregon.org](http://www.disabilityrightsoregon.org)

Disability Rights Oregon helped establish crisis intervention training here in Portland in 1995, and we have been involved ever since, including presently by participating in the Crisis Intervention Team's (CIT) Advisory Group to ensure that the on-the-ground interactions that the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has with people with disabilities continues to improve. Please contact CIT Coordinator Liesbeth Gerritsen if you are interested in joining: 503.823.0183.

### **Oregon Consumer Advisory Council**

The Oregon Consumer Advisory Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in meeting room HSB 166 at the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building (DHS main office), 500 Summer St NE, Salem, OR.

Contact: Michael Hlebechuk; 503.947.5536;  
email: [michael.hlebechuk@state.or.us](mailto:michael.hlebechuk@state.or.us)

Purpose statement:

- A) To inform the state mental health authority on mental health policy and service delivery from the perspective of people who receive or have received mental health services (consumer/survivors);
- B) To provide a forum for consumer/survivors to communicate special and unmet needs and concerns to the state mental health authority;
- C) To provide a forum for the state mental health authority to inform consumer/survivor leadership of efforts being made to provide a better system of mental health delivery.

### **Oregon DHS Mental Health Planning and Management Advisory Council**

This Council advises the Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) in areas vitally important to the Consumers of Oregon.

**Meetings** - 1st Thursday of odd numbered months, 9 am - 11:45 am, Room 137C+D, Human Resources Building, 500 Summer St. NE, in Salem.

**Website** - <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/tools-policymakers/main.shtml#mh>.

## **Multnomah County**

### **AMHSA Meeting - Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Council**

This Consumer-run committee includes discussions about what is going on within the County and at Provider Agencies, and makes recommendations to Multnomah County.

**Meetings** - 1st Wednesdays, 10 am to 12 pm at the Lincoln Building at 421 SW Oak (2 blocks south of Burnside). Enter the front door, turn right, go to the receptionist desk in the County Mental Health office, and ask for directions.

<http://web.multco.us/mhas/mental-health-services>

**Website** - includes Minutes, Bylaws, their priorities, and a Membership List.

### **Quality Management Committee**

The Committee advises the Quality Management Unit of the Mental Health & Addictions Services Division, which helps to protect County residents who receive public mental health services, and to continuously improve the quality of those services.

- Enforces privacy and confidentiality rules
- Measures treatment effectiveness (includes designing surveys)
- Performs certification reviews to determine if an agency will be qualified as a provider of mental health services
- Gives technical assistance to agencies who need to become compliant with state rules
- Investigates around 200 allegations of abuse of adults with mental illness annually

**Meetings** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, from 3pm to 5pm, in Conference Room 112 of the Multnomah Building, at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, in Portland.

**Website** - <http://web.multco.us/mhas/quality-management>. They include Minutes of their Committee, Publications (including analysis of Multnomah County surveys), and detailed Contact Info for their Staff.

## **Oregon Health Authority Facebook**

**Keep up to date on the Oregon health care reform news by going to the Oregon Health Authority's Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/OregonHealthAuthority](http://www.facebook.com/OregonHealthAuthority)

## **Clackamas County Mental Health and Addictions Council**

**Meetings** - 4th Tuesdays most months. To confirm meeting time/location, call Karen Erwin at 503-742-5310.

**Website** - [http://www.clackamas.us/community\\_health/behavioral/councils.html](http://www.clackamas.us/community_health/behavioral/councils.html)

## **Washington County Behavioral Health Council**

**Website** - <http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/Addiction/behavioral-health-council.cfm>

## **Mental Health America of Oregon**

Mental Health America of Oregon is an inclusive grassroots organization dedicated to empowering consumer / survivor voices to drive services and policies that foster wellness and full participation in the community.

3534 SE Main St., Portland OR 97214  
503-922-2377(voice) 888-820-0138 (toll free)  
TTY: use 711 relay [mhaoforegon@gmail.com](mailto:mhaoforegon@gmail.com)  
[www.mhaoforegon.com](http://www.mhaoforegon.com)

## **Oregon Health Connect**

[www.oregonhealthconnect.org](http://www.oregonhealthconnect.org)

We link you to information about health care and health insurance in Oregon. Use the Resource Directory to find public health programs like Oregon Health Plan. Locate affordable medical services at health clinics and county health departments. Learn how private health insurance works, including your appeal and complaint rights. Track health care reform. Find programs for healthy living. Uninsured? Approaching Medicare? Have a pre-existing condition? Make this your one stop for information on Oregon health coverage options.

### Write Around Portland

Nonprofit organization for writers. Provides facilitated workshops in safe, accessible and respectful environments for people to write and share. Holds community readings to promote the exchange of stories. Publishes anthologies to connect writers and readers.

917 SW Oak St. #406 503-796-9224

Hours: 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday

[www.writearound.org](http://www.writearound.org)

### The Mental Health Association of Portland

is seeking consumer perspectives on mental health and addictions issues

[www.mentalhealthportland.org](http://www.mentalhealthportland.org)

The Mental Health Association of Portland is seeking writers and editors from the mental health community to present a consumer perspective on mental health and addictions issues.

For more info send email to: [info@mentalhealthportland.org](mailto:info@mentalhealthportland.org).

### EYES & EARS

Welcomes your contributions

Contact Duane  
at the Plaza Consumer Office weekend  
afternoons at Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare  
at 2415 SE 43rd Avenue Portland Oregon  
503-238-0705 Ext. 204 from 1-3 pm weekdays  
Or E-Mail: [eyes.ears@cascadiabhc.org](mailto:eyes.ears@cascadiabhc.org)

### Street Roots

[www.streetroots.org](http://www.streetroots.org)

Street Roots is a nonprofit newspaper assisting people experiencing homelessness and poverty by creating flexible income opportunities. Through education, advocacy and personal expression, we are a catalyst for individual and social change.

### Madness Radio

voices and visions from outside mental health

Madness Radio focuses on personal experiences of 'madness' and extreme states of consciousness from beyond conventional perspectives and mainstream treatments. The show also features authors, advocates, scientists, healthcare practitioners, and artists. Hosted by Will Hall

Madness Radio wants your involvement! Got an idea for a topic or guest? Want to leave feedback on a particular show? How about asking local stations to broadcast Madness Radio? And we can always use donations. Visit our website at [www.madnessradio.net](http://www.madnessradio.net)

You can also access the shows from Mental Health Association's website at:

[www.mentalhealthportland.org](http://www.mentalhealthportland.org)

### TriMet bus pass discount after the 15th

If you need a bus pass and it's after the 15th, you can purchase one for half price from TriMet.

TriMet Ticket Office 701 SW 6th Ave.  
At the Pioneer Courthouse Square 503-238-7433

### Oregon Health Plan's OHP Standard Reservation List is Open

OHP Standard provides free or low-cost health coverage to Oregon residents who:

- Do not have health care insurance
- Are ages 19 through 64
- Are not pregnant
- Have limited income

You or someone you know can place your name on the reservation list in one of three ways:

- **Fill out a request online** at [www.oregon.gov/DHS/open](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/open)
- **Mail a request.** Forms are available at all DHS/AAA offices, county health departments and most hospitals and clinics **including the Cascadia Plaza clinic at SE 43rd & Division.**
- **Sign up by phone.** Call 1-800-699-9075 or 503-378-7800 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

### **Mental Health America**

Mental Health America keeps you informed on the latest that is happening in Congress on crucial legislation that affects access to care, federal funding and services. Their website makes it very easy to send emails to congressional leaders with your personal input on legislative issues.

Go to [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net) and click **Take Action Now** under the **Action** menu

### **The Department of Human Services Wellness Initiative**

**Get empowered by finding out ways to improve your mental and physical well being**

DHS provides a Wellness Initiative web site at [oregon.gov](http://oregon.gov). Click on Human Services and then Mental Health.

The site has links to helpful articles, resources and web links, as well as reports, research, presentations and newsletters.

### **Disability Rights Oregon**

(formerly Oregon Advocacy Center)

[www.disabilityrightsoregon.org](http://www.disabilityrightsoregon.org)

Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) provides legal advocacy to individuals with disabilities who have an issue related to their disability.

DRO's website is designed to be a hub for Oregon's Disability Community, gathering a wide variety of current information in one place.

### **Multnomah County's Mental Health Call Center**

Do you or does someone you know need help with a mental health or addiction problem?

Multnomah County Mental Health and Addictions Services Call Center is Portland's mental health information and referral hub for persons in crisis.

The call center is staffed by mental health professionals 25 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached at 503-988-4888 or 1-800-716-9769.

### **PERSONAL CARE SERVICES**

Personal Care Services (PCS) are services that support consumer/survivors in Oregon to help them live independently and participate in community activities. The state pays for the PCS services.

Consumer/Survivors who qualify for PCS can get up to 20 hours a month of assistance for:

- Nutrition
- Medication management
- Housekeeping tasks
- Personal hygiene
- Arrangement of medical appointments
- Emotional support
- And other tasks that are difficult because of your disability.

You may qualify if you have an Oregon Health Plan card. (Eligible for Medicaid), and you are not receiving services from a licensed residential program such as a foster home or group home, and you feel that because of your mental health issues, you would benefit from this assistance.

If you are interested in receiving Personal Care Services, contact your case manager.

### **Need to Talk? Call the David Romprey Oregon Warm Line**

Staffed by trained Peers  
People just want to be heard.

**Warm line hours  
1-800-698-2392**

Monday 10 am - 8 pm  
Tuesday Noon -10 pm  
Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm  
Thursday 8 am - 6 pm  
Friday Noon - 5 pm  
Saturday 5 pm -10 pm  
Sunday 5 pm -10 pm

This Warmline is NOT a resource line

Call to have a confidential conversation with a Peer who will listen without judgment or criticism.

Together we can learn and grow.

[www.communitycounselingsolutions.org/warmline.html](http://www.communitycounselingsolutions.org/warmline.html)



## At Cascadia

### Cascadia

#### Garlington Center Recovery Services

Cascadia Garlington Center is an outpatient clinic, that provides multi-disciplinary, culturally relevant treatment services to persons with a mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder with specialized culturally specific services available for African Americans. We are located at 3034 NE MLK Blvd. Portland, OR 97212. Phone: 503-283-3763

We offer a variety of classes for:

- Depression - Anxiety - Stress management
- Healthy relationships - Bipolar
- Skills training for various topics
- Culturally specific classes are also available for African American Women.

If you are interested in attending a class, please contact your case manager.

### Want to Go Back to School?

Whether you want to:

**Enroll in a college  
Complete your GED or,  
Improve your Reading, Writing or Math Skills**

**The Supported Education Program  
at Cascadia can help!**

**Come to an orientation  
And learn all about our program!**

Mondays at 1 pm  
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare - 503-238-0705  
2415 SE 43rd, Second floor, Room #1

### Music Therapy

Come sing, play instruments, and listen to music. Music therapy helps you reduce anxiety, improve your mood, think more clearly, develop connections with peers, express yourself and have fun.

No music experience or knowledge is necessary. This is not a drop in group; ask your case manager for a referral.

Tuesdays 2:30-3:30 and 3:30-4:30  
Cascadia Plaza Clinic in the Hope Center, main floor, 2415 SE 43rd Ave. 503-238-0705

## Support and Education Groups Offered by Portland Hearing Voices

Open to all. Inclusive, non-judgmental, pro-choice and pro-diversity. Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. People who hear voices, have unusual beliefs, altered states of consciousness or mental health diagnosis are especially invited.

**Voices And Extreme States Support Group**  
led by Will Hall. Open to people who have these experiences.

Meetings are held at

Empowerment Initiatives - 3941 SE Hawthorne  
on the first and third Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

May 17, June 7, 14, July 5, 19

See other coming events at the Portland Hearing  
Voices website at

[www.portlandhearingvoices.net](http://www.portlandhearingvoices.net)

What is it like to live with voices, visions, and extreme states of consciousness? What do these experiences mean to you? How can we learn to accept and live with who we are? What are ways to cope with fear, trauma, isolation, and overwhelming responses? Are there positive, creative, and spiritual sides to what we go through? What is mental diversity all about?

Will Hall was diagnosed with schizophrenia and is an internationally recognized mental diversity educator, advocate, and counselor.

[www.willhall.org](http://www.willhall.org)

For more information contact  
[portlandhearingvoices@gmail.com](mailto:portlandhearingvoices@gmail.com)  
[www.portlandhearingvoices.net](http://www.portlandhearingvoices.net)  
413.210.2803

## Empowerment Initiatives

Serving people with mental health diagnosis. Help in finding and securing resources most effective for their mental health and well being.

[www.chooseempowerment.com](http://www.chooseempowerment.com)

3941 SE Hawthorne (503) 249-1413

### NAMI Programs and Classes

NAMI provides free classes to family members of children and adults with mental illness. To learn more about our program offerings, contact:

Multnomah NAMI: (503) 228-5692  
[nami.multnomah@gmail.com](mailto:nami.multnomah@gmail.com)

Clackamas NAMI: 503-344-5050  
[nami.clackamas@gmail.com](mailto:nami.clackamas@gmail.com)

Washington NAMI: 503-356-6835  
[FamilySupport@NamiWash.org](mailto:FamilySupport@NamiWash.org)

**Family-to-Family** is a twelve week course which educates families with an adult family member (spouse, parent, adult child, etc) suffering from mental illness. The class focuses on major brain disorders, family coping mechanisms, as well as advocacy and communication techniques.

**NAMI Basics** course consists of a series of workshops for caregivers of children with brain disorders. It covers educational material and provides the basics for day-to-day caregiving skills.

**In Our Own Voice (IOOV)** is a consumer based presentation program that creates awareness about the possibility for recovery from mental illness. IOOV presentations are held for other consumers, family members, health care providers, law enforcement officials, faith community or any other community or civic organization.

**Peer To Peer**, a nine week course on the topic of recovery for any person with a serious mental illness who is interested in establishing and maintaining wellness. This course is taught by trained "Mentors" who have personal experience with living with a mental illness.

### Join over 2,600 Fans of Mental Health Association of Portland on Facebook

The Mental Health Association of Portland invites you to join us on Facebook at

[www.mentalhealthportland.org](http://www.mentalhealthportland.org)

### Join us at NorthStar

What is NorthStar?

A place to go. A place to return to.  
 A place to find meaningful relationships.  
 A place to find fulfilling work.

NorthStar is a community for adults with mental illness looking for a place to go and/or find meaningful and productive volunteer or paid work.

Contact us for more information!

522 N.E. 52nd Ave., Portland, Oregon 97214  
 (971)544-7485

[Northstarportland.org](http://Northstarportland.org)

[info@northstarportland.org](mailto:info@northstarportland.org)

### NAMI Connection Recovery Support Groups

NAMI Connection is a weekly recovery support group for people living with mental illness in which people learn from each others' experiences, share coping strategies, and offer each other encouragement and understanding. The groups are free to attend.

**Multnomah NAMI** - 503-228-5692 for more info

**Tuesdays**, 11:00 am Luke Dorf, 9255 NE Halsey Street, Portland Oregon 97220.

**Saturdays** 3:30 pm 5228 NE Hoyt Street, Bldg. B., Portland, Oregon 97213

**Clackamas NAMI** - 503-344-5050 for more info or Email: [nami.clackamas@gmail.com](mailto:nami.clackamas@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays** 3 pm at Clackamas Community College, in the Community Center, Rm CC112

**Wednesdays:** 12 - 1:30 pm, Hilltop- 998 Library Ct, Oregon City

**Saturdays:** 1 - 2:30 pm. Call Steve Levine for more info at: 503-697-1854 or email at: [steve.levine@comcast.net](mailto:steve.levine@comcast.net)

## FolkTime

### New things are happening at FolkTime.

FolkTime's mission is to provide opportunities for individuals facing the challenge of mental illness, to regain their sense of community, by providing a supportive environment which promotes peer support and self determination

The schedule of activities at FolkTime is determined by members at a monthly community meeting. Hot lunches are served at 12:30 Mondays and Wednesdays, and are prepared on site and shared together. Members are asked to donate \$1 towards lunch. Also open on Thursdays. And Fridays offer special events.

Every week, except Tuesdays, members gather to participate in a variety of activities, including art and craft projects, writing group, guest speakers, games, bingo, karaoke, and discussions on current topics of interest. Each week we venture out to a bowling alley, local parks, museums, and gardens, or participate in community events.

**New** - Erin Vaughn, Program Manager of the new Sandy site (See below) and Gloria Giddens, Manager of the NE site have been trained as Peer Employment Specialists and can now work with individuals in recovery who are interested in exploring career interests and options.

Open to all persons, 18 and over, with a mental health diagnosis and connected with a mental health provider or social worker.

**-Couch Street site:** 4837 NE Couch St., 503-238-6428 Mondays & Wednesdays 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Thur. from 10:30 am to 3 pm. Fridays at noon.

**-Oregon City site** - 142 Molalla, Oregon City 503 -722-5237 Mon, Tue, Thurs 10 am to 2 pm. Fri. at 11. Wednesday bowling at 1.

### New Site Opened

**-Sandy** - Sandy Community Center, 38348 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy, OR, (503) 238-6428 (Main Office). Mon., Tue., Thur. and Fri. 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Closed Wed.

To view the schedules of each site go to

[www.folktime.org](http://www.folktime.org)

## Schizophrenia Support Group

Every Wednesday; 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
NAMI Multnomah office, 524 NE 52nd Ave,  
Portland 97213

Contact: Arlene Stine, (503) 228-5692

Mission Statement - A safe place for people with schizophrenia to relax, socialize, and develop skills.

## NAMI Major Depression Support Group

Would you like support and a welcoming environment to connect with other folks who deal with depression? Don't let depression get you down!

Come hang out with us on Thursdays!  
2 pm - 3 pm NAMI Multnomah Office  
524 NE 52nd Ave., Portland, OR  
Questions? Call 503-228-5692

## Rose Haven

627 NW 18th Ave

503-248-6364

**New website address:** [rosehaven.org](http://rosehaven.org)

Women support group, classes and activities  
Referral & advocacy

Services for housing, legal aid, medical & mental health care; Counseling; Compassionate listening; Assistance navigating the social services maze; Clothing & Hygiene items; Mailing address; Voice mail; Support Groups.

## Independent Living Resources

Offering Advocacy, Information & Referral, Peer Counseling, and Skills Training for people with disabilities. Classes, support groups, recreation and volunteer opportunities [www.ilr.org](http://www.ilr.org)

**1839 NE Couch St, Portland 503-232-7411**

## Online mental health and recovery support sites

This is a listing of some online sites that offer various types of support for persons with mental illness, their friends, family and those that work in mental health.

**Forums at Psych Central** - An abundance of forums to choose from.

<http://forums.psychcentral.com/>

**What a Difference a Friend Makes**

<http://www.whatadifference.samhsa.gov>

**Voice-Hearers** - This group is for people who hear, or who have heard voices.

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/voice-hearers>

**Online Recovery Support** - An online resource for the recovery community.

<http://onlinerecoverysupport.ning.com>

**Rose City Recovery Connections** - An online site for the Portland recovery community.

[www.rc-rc.info/index.html](http://www.rc-rc.info/index.html)

**About.com:mental health** Explore mental health  
<http://mentalhealth.about.com>

**Voices Across the World: Living with Mental Illness.** This Facebook page was created to give those of us diagnosed with mental illness a collective voice in a safe "no stigma zone".

[www.facebook.com/VoicesFightingTheStigma?ref=mf](http://www.facebook.com/VoicesFightingTheStigma?ref=mf)

**No Kidding, Me Too!** - Fights stigma through education and breaking down societal barriers. An amazing number of actors and other entertainment professionals are involved. <http://nkm2.org/>

**Dialectal Behavior Therapy** - Website for people who are seeking information about DBT (Dialectal Behavior Therapy). This site was written primarily by PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH DBT, not DBT professionals. We cannot give advice, but we can talk about our experiences on our DBT journey. [www.dbtselphelp.com](http://www.dbtselphelp.com)

## SMART Recovery

### Self-management and Recovery Training

**The scientific alternative for people seeking independence from addictive behaviors including alcohol, other drugs and gambling**

- Discover your personal power and strengths, and regain your confidence.
- Use supportive groups to brainstorm solutions to real personal problems.
- Clarify your values and find life, purpose, and hope.
- Learn tools and techniques for self-directed change.
- Be motivated to recover and live a satisfying life.

There are several meetings held in and around Portland.

For more information call Hank Robb at 503-635- 2489 or email him at [robhb@pacificu.edu](mailto:robhb@pacificu.edu).

Visit SMART's website at [www.smartrecovery.org](http://www.smartrecovery.org). for a list of current meetings.

## Dual Diagnosis Anonymous of Oregon

### Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

[www.ddaoregon.com](http://www.ddaoregon.com)

DDA is a program based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with an additional 5 steps that focus on Dual Diagnosis. DDA's unique 12 steps + 5 program offers hope for achieving the promise of recovery.

**DDA Central Office** 521 SW 11 Avenue (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). Monday thru Friday from noon to 1 pm. Open meetings. Call 503-222-6484.

Meetings are subject to change without notice. Please contact DDA at 503-737-4126 for more information.

Go to DDA's website listed above for a listing of meetings taking place in the Portland metro area and elsewhere.

## COMING EVENTS

### **Rethinking Psychiatry Two-Day Symposium**

Friday, May 13, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Creating a New Paradigm of Mental Health Care:  
What Needs to be Done? and Why?

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Building Strong Communities: New Tools for  
Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Health

The First Unitarian Church of Portland  
1011 SW 12th

**Friday**, Join Robert Whitaker as he facilitates a conversation with the audience and a panel of mental health care providers and peers on the current national movement to create a mental health care system that is more holistic, effective and humane.

**Saturday**, Join us for workshops, open microphone, round table discussions and a community resource fair as we highlight the array of ideas, actions and activities that are helping to create the new paradigm of mental health care for all.

Portland Hearing Voices Workshop:  
Coming Off Psychiatric Medications: A Harm Reduction Approach - Taught by Will Hall  
10:30-11:45 a.m. Room Number: B202-B203

Organized by Rethinking Psychiatry. For information contact: Marcia Meyers 503-665-3967. Email: [healthymindshealthyhearts@gmail.com](mailto:healthymindshealthyhearts@gmail.com).

### **Ethan Watters**

**author of Crazy Like Us: Globalization  
of the American Psyche**

Thursday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Powell's City of Books 1005 W Burnside Portland,  
OR 97209

Portland Hearing Voices is sponsoring \*Ethan Watters author of Crazy Like Us: Globalization of the American Psyche. The book is a powerful exploration of how cultures are influenced to accept US mental disorders and psychiatric medication.

### **Mental Diversity Meetups**

Informal public social gatherings open to all

Last Sunday of Every Month  
4 pm-6:30 pm

Backspace Cafe 115 Northwest 5th Avenue at  
Couch

Next meetup Sunday May 29

Everyone is invited to join Portland Hearing Voices for an informal gathering with drink, eats, and socializing. Meet new people, learn from each other, and build community. An antidote to loneliness!

Upcoming meetups are:

Sunday May 29, June 26, July 31, Aug. 28, Sept. 2

## COMING EVENTS

### **Mental Health America's 2011 Annual Conference**

June 9 -11, 2011 at Washington, D.C.

Scholarships to MHA's 2011 Annual Conference are being provided to consumers of mental health services by SAMHSA/CMHS

[www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/conference](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/conference)

### **Alternatives 2011 to Be Held in Orlando, FL**

Alternatives 2011, the annual national conference organized by and for individuals with psychiatric histories, will be held from Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, through Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, at the Caribe Royale Orlando in Orlando, Fla.

**Presentation proposals taken** until May 31st. Go to [www.alternatives2011.org](http://www.alternatives2011.org) for application and other information about the conference. Scholarship applications are due May 16.

### **2011 NAMI Convention**

Chicago July 6-9

Some scholarships available [nami.org](http://nami.org)

### **Music and Madness!**

### **Celebrate the 2 Year Anniversary of Portland Hearing Voices**

Sunday June 5 7-10 pm

\$8-15 cover sliding scale donation  
(no one turned away)

Someday Lounge 125 Northwest 5th Avenue

We're two years old! Celebrate Portland Hearing Voices work for community support and public education at a special benefit party at Someday Lounge, with three local musical performers and speakers from Portland Hearing Voices. More info coming at [www.portlandhearingvoices.net](http://www.portlandhearingvoices.net).

Mark your calendar! Join us to raise funds and awareness, and break stigma

### **Annual Northwest NAMI Walk!**

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade Festival Area  
(near OMSI) Portland, Oregon

Registration begins at noon; walk begins at 1 PM.

2,000 people will walk together in May, to say "Recovery is possible; mental health matters; and that people living with mental illness are a valuable part of our community."

Seventy-five percent of funds raised by NAMI Multnomah teams goes directly to NAMI Multnomah's affiliate, to provide support, education and advocacy for individuals living with mental illness and their families. The remaining 25% is used by state and national NAMI.

Signing up as a team captain or walker and raising money, will help NAMI Multnomah continue to provide hope, help and healing. Sponsorship opportunities are also available to directly benefit NAMI Multnomah's many programs.

Sponsorship levels for NAMIWalk range from \$250 to \$10,000.

Please assist us in identifying businesses and individuals in the community to support NAMI Multnomah programs.

Please review your holiday card list, vendors, neighbors and business associates, forward those contacts to NAMI Multnomah Walk Committee Chair Wendy Sample if you would like her to approach them for support of the NAMIWalk

For more information contact Wendy Sample at 503-245-2647 or email at [wendyworks@ymail.com](mailto:wendyworks@ymail.com). Sign up a team or join a team today by visiting the walk web site: [www.nami.org/namiwalks/OR](http://www.nami.org/namiwalks/OR)

Thank you for your participation!

## Employment & Educational Opportunities

### Avita Business Center

5257 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Suite 201  
Portland OR 97211 503-998-9560

<http://avitabiz.com/>

<http://www.oregondisabilitychamber.com>

10 am - 4 pm, Mon. - Thurs. - Buses # 6 & 72

Three self-employment opportunities: MIPO program to help inventors in patent process; Oregon Disability Chamber business assistance for the disabled; WBC small business start-up help.

### Better People

4310 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Portland OR 503-281-2663

<http://www.betterpeople.org> - Bus # 44

Helps people with legal histories find and retain jobs. Recently released and current parole participants have access to classes on interviewing skills and job application preparation. Downstairs through the Workforce One-Stop office.

### Easter Seals Latino Connection Program

4134 N. Vancouver Ave. Suite 300C  
503-335-6161

<http://www.or.easterseals.com>

Call for hours

Vocational rehabilitation services, including employment for Latinos with disabilities, ESL and computer classes in Spanish, job development and job placement; translation and interpretation, resume and interview workshops; ESL support and referral.

### CCC Employment Access Center

2 NW 2nd Ave. Portland OR 503-226-7387

[www.centralcityconcern.org](http://www.centralcityconcern.org)

8 am -6 pm, Monday-Friday. Orientation 9:45 am, Tuesdays; 1:45 p.m. Thursdays.

Transit: Max Red, Blue, 4, 12, 19, 20

Provides employment workshops, job resource center, daily job announcements, career advancement and training services, employment-related housing and veterans' services, among others. Enroll to learn interviewing skills and prepare for job searches.

### Elders in Action

1411 SW Morrison St., Suite 290, Portland  
503-235-5474 [www.eldersinaction.org](http://www.eldersinaction.org)

8:30 am.-5 pm Mon. -Thurs. and 8:30 am.-4 pm

Transit: 15, 51 and MAX all.

Personal advocates for adults age 60+ in the area of housing, health care, crime and elder abuse.

### Connect with Multnomah Co. Volunteer Opportunities!

Volunteer with committees and boards composed of members of the public that meet with county officials to promote citizen input into county decision making.

Also find other volunteer opportunities with the county like assisting with pet adoptions at Animal Services, promoting community literacy through your neighborhood library, or serving as a Rape Victim Advocate in the DA's Office.

Register as a county volunteer by signing up at

<https://ec.volunteernow.com/custom/1248/>

The above info came from the Rose City Resource produced by Street Roots. For a listing of more resources go to [www.rosecityresource.org](http://www.rosecityresource.org). Hardcopy guides are available at the Street Roots office at 211 NW Davis St in Old Town Portland, or from your friendly neighborhood Street Roots vendor.

**Employment & Educational Opportunities**  
(See more in the Resources pages)

**WorkSource Portland Metro**

[www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org](http://www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org)

Your local WorkSource partners have the resources you need to sharpen your skills, find the perfect job, and advance your career. Our centers are open to all job seekers and career advancers age 18 and older.

At the WorkSource Centers you can access:

- iMatchSkills and other internet-based job search tools
- Job postings - web-based and employer posted
- Telephones, fax, and copy machine to help with your job search
- Resume writing tools
- Information on local industries and jobs – and their pay rates
- Workshops to help focus your job search
- Information about community resources

We help you compete in today’s job market:

- Identify your skills, interests, and strengths
- Find out which skills businesses value most
- Learn how to interview and network
- Target your job search toward high growth industries
- Staff assistance with career advancement planning

Our staff will connect you with training options, such as:

- Occupational skill training
- Apprenticeship programs
- Continuing education in your field
- Adult Education, including GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Financial Literacy classes

Worksource Portland Metro Southeast  
7916 SE Foster Road, Suite 104  
Portland, OR 97206 (503)772-2300  
For other locations go to the website listed above.

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**Multnomah Mental Health**  
**Crisis Number: 503-988-4888**  
**Or 1-800-716-9769**

**Mental Health Organizations -**

-**Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare** - Central Intake - 503-674-7777. Urgent Care Walk In Clinic 7 am-10:30 pm 7 days a week - 2415 SE 43rd 503-238-0705 Integrated Treatment Services (drug/alcohol) 503-230-9654

-**Central City Concern 12th Avenue Recovery Center** - 503 - 294-1681 [www.centralcityconcern.org](http://www.centralcityconcern.org)

-**El Programa Hispano** - work, housing and more; downtown Portland: 503-236-9670, Gresham: 503-669-8350

[www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org)

-**LifeWorks Northwest** -503-645-9010

[www.lifeworksnw.org](http://www.lifeworksnw.org). E-mail [intake@lifeworksnw.org](mailto:intake@lifeworksnw.org).

-**Portland Veterans Center** - 503-273-5370

PTSD and sexual trauma counseling (individual & group), employment services, and more; [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**Mental Health Drop - In Centers:**

-**Folk-Time** Socialization & Support - 4837 NE Couch St., 503-238-6428 Mondays & Wednesdays 11:30 - 2:30

[www.folktime.org](http://www.folktime.org)

-**Safe Haven** (Folk Time program) - 142 Molalla, Oregon City 503 -722-5237 Mon, Thurs & Fri 10 am to 2 pm

**National Mental Health Organizations:**

-**Mind Freedom** - Campaigns for human rights in mental health; also contact if have been abused by the psychiatric system. 1-877-MAD-PRIDE; [www.mindfreedom.org](http://www.mindfreedom.org)

-**National Alliance on Mental Illness** - Education, support, advocacy, info/referral; [www.nami.org/](http://www.nami.org/) Multnomah; 503-228-5692

-**National Mental Health Consumers’ Self-Help Clearinghouse**; 800-553-4539; [www.mhselfhelp.org](http://www.mhselfhelp.org)

-**Mental Health America** - Education, support; 1-800-969-NMHA (6642); [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net)

-**SAMHSA’s National Mental Health Information Center** - Mental health information; 1-800-789-2647; [www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov)

**Mental Health Support Groups or Information:**

-**Northwest Autism Foundation** - info on autism and contact info on treatment. [www.autismnwaf.org](http://www.autismnwaf.org). 503-557-2111

-**Portland Aspergers Network** 503-284-4507, 503-682-1609. Email: [contact@aspergersnet.org](mailto:contact@aspergersnet.org). Web:



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[www.aspergersnet.org](http://www.aspergersnet.org)

**-Bereavement Support Group (coping with loss)** - offered by Adventist Medical Center. To register, call 503-251-6192 ext. 5670. **Healing Grief** - Call 503 251-6105 for more info and to register. Both groups are free.

**-Brain Injury Support Groups** - Brain Injury Association of Oregon, 1.800.544.5243, [www.biaoregon.org](http://www.biaoregon.org)

**-Children & Adults with Attention Deficit** - 503-294-9504. Free. [www.chaddpdx.org](http://www.chaddpdx.org)

**-Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance** - 800-826-3632; Portland support groups: west side: Jason-503-227-2423 east side Jean 503-231-7513 [www.dbsalliance.org](http://www.dbsalliance.org)

**-Family to Family Support Group** - NAMI - free group for loved ones of individuals with mental illness. Educational group. 503-228-5692

**-National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** (Suicide Support) 1-800-273-8255.

**-Obsessive Compulsive Disorder support group** - 503-494-6176; OHSU - 503-494-8311

**-PSU Community Counseling Clinic** 503-725-4620 Portland State University. Individual, couple and family counseling. \$15 per session, reduced fees negotiated. 10 week commitment.

**-Recovery, Inc. International** - Self-help for people with depression, anxiety, phobias, fears, anger, & low self-esteem. (503) 892-3893; [www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org).

**-Women's Crisis Line** - 503-235-5333 or toll free at 888-235-5333. [www.pwcl.org](http://www.pwcl.org)

**-YWCA Counseling Center** 503-294-7440; 333 N Russell St. (at MLK) - Individual, couple, group counseling, and assessments. Sliding scale starts at \$13. Mon-Sat, 8 am-8 pm. Appointments only.

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## Alcohol and Drug Services

**-Al-Anon and Alateen** (for friends and family) 503-292-1333; [www.al-anonportlandoregon.org](http://www.al-anonportlandoregon.org)

**-Alcohol and Drug Helpline; adult or teen;** 1-800-923-HELP

**-Alcoholics Anonymous** - 503-223-8569; [www.pdxaa.com](http://www.pdxaa.com)

**-Cocaine Anonymous** - 503-256-1666; Help line and call center for people struggling with cocaine addiction.

**-Crystal Meth Anonymous meetings** [www.crystalmeth.org](http://www.crystalmeth.org)

**-Dual Diagnosis Anonymous** - 503-222-6484 [www.ddaoforegon](http://www.ddaoforegon)

**-Marijuana Anonymous** - 503-221-7007; [www.marijuana-anonymous.org](http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org)

**-Narcotics Anonymous** - 503-727-3733; [www.portlandna.com](http://www.portlandna.com)

**-Nicotine Anonymous** - [www.nicotine-anonymous.org](http://www.nicotine-anonymous.org); Toll free at 877-879-6422

**-SMART Recovery** - Hank Robb 503-635-2849 [www.smartrecovery.org](http://www.smartrecovery.org)

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## Benefits:

**-Aging and Disability Services** - Helpline: 503-988-3646. Closed noon-1 pm; [www.co.multnomah.or.us](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us)

**-Free Bus Pass** - If bus at least three times/week for medical or mental health center 503-802-8700; Need to be on Oregon Health Plan

**-Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)**- 503-988-6295

**-Oregon Telephone Assistance Program** - If on food stamps, OHP, SSI or TANF; 1-800-848-4442 or (503) 373-7171 [www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/](http://www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/)

**-Social Security Admin.** - 1-800-772-1213 [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

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## Employment Resources:

**Benefits Planning Assistance** - Disability Rights Oregon (formerly known as Oregon Advocacy Center) has PIP benefits planners to help you figure out how going to work will effect your benefits. 503-243-2081

**Better People** - 4310 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Portland, (503) 281-2663 Helps people with legal histories find and retain jobs. Recently released and current parole participants have access to classes on interviewing skills and job application preparation. [www.betterpeople.org](http://www.betterpeople.org)

**Central City Concern Workforce program** 2 NW 2nd Ave. 503-226-7387 Provides employment workshops, job resource center, daily job announcements, career advancement and training services, employment-related housing and veterans' services, and more. Enroll to learn interviewing skills and prepare for job searches. Hours: 8 am-6 pm, Monday-Friday. [www.centralcityconcern.org](http://www.centralcityconcern.org)

**DePaul Industries** - 4950 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 8 -5 Monday - Friday 503-281-1289 Temporary staffing service specializing in employing the disabled or people in recovery. Employment options for people with disabilities, including injury and illness related disabilities. [www.depaulindustries.com](http://www.depaulindustries.com)

**Easter Seals Latino Connection Program** 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. Suite 300C 503-335-6161 Vocational rehabilitation services, including employment for Latinos with disabilities, ESL and computer classes in Spanish, job development and job placement; translation and interpretation, resume and interview workshops; ESL

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support and referral. [www.or.easterseals.com](http://www.or.easterseals.com)

**Elders in Action** - 1411 SW Morrison St. 503-235-5474  
Employment, personal and community safety advocates  
for adults age 50 and over. [www.eldersinaction.org](http://www.eldersinaction.org).

**Employment Marketplace:** "Bringing employers & job  
seekers together". Every Friday through Workforce  
<http://wfn.pcc.edu/EmployerMarketPlace/EMP.asp>

**Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**  
800-669-4000; [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov); Discrimination/rights

**Free online education: OpenCourseWare** educational  
programs are offered at various colleges.

[www.ocwconsortium.org](http://www.ocwconsortium.org),

**About U.** also offers free online classes at [http://  
u.about.com/](http://u.about.com/)

**Goodwill Industries of the Columbia-Willamette** 1943  
SE 6th Ave. 503-239-1734 - Jobs available at stores or  
donation centers, and free employment service in the  
community. Call for appointments 10 am or 1 pm,  
Monday-Thursday. [www.meetgoodwill.org](http://www.meetgoodwill.org)

**Hands On Portland -Volunteer jobs** in & around  
Multnomah Co. (503)200-3355  
[www.handsonportland.org](http://www.handsonportland.org).

**Individual Development Account Program** helps  
people save up money to start a business by matching \$3  
for every \$1 saved. [www.mercycorpsnw.org](http://www.mercycorpsnw.org)

**Job Corps** - PIVOT, 2701 N. W. Vaughn Street, Suite  
151, Portland, (503) 274-7343. Provides hands-on career  
training for 30 trades for economically disadvantaged  
young adults 16-24. Students can also complete their  
GED and receive their high school diploma at Center.  
<http://pivot.jobcorps.gov>

**Portland Habilitation Center** 5312 NE 148th Ave.  
503-261-1266 Training and employment in janitorial,  
landscape and clerical work. Low-cost/no-cost/Section 8  
apartments available. Trimet # 87 [www.phcnw.com](http://www.phcnw.com) The  
site also lists job openings and allows you to apply online.  
Weekly Info and Intake Meetings.

**Senior Community Service Employment Program** - A  
Title V training program free for senior citizens 55 and  
older. Promotes older workers as a solution for businesses  
seeking a trained, qualified, and reliable workforce.  
Facilitates economic self-sufficiency for older individuals  
and their families who are working. 2101 NE Flanders St.  
503-232-7684. 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri.  
[www.doleta.gov/seniors](http://www.doleta.gov/seniors)

**State of Oregon Employment Offices** - North Portland:  
503-280-6046 Gresham: 503-669-7112 Beaverton: 503-  
644-1229 [www.employment.oregon.gov](http://www.employment.oregon.gov)

**Trillium Artisans Program** - 503-775-7993; Marketing  
support for artists interested in home-based business or  
contract work; [www.trilliumartisans.org](http://www.trilliumartisans.org)

**Vocational Rehabilitation Division**- Employment  
services for people with disabilities; Ticket to Work and  
Self-Sufficiency Program. Central 3945 SE Powell Blvd.  
971-673-2555; East 305 NE 102nd Avenue Suite 200 971-  
673-5858 North 4744 N. Interstate Ave. 971-673-3055  
[www.oregon.gov/dhs/vr](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/vr)

**WorkSource Portland Metro** provides communities  
with access to information and resources to assist people  
in their career planning and job search activities. Self-  
directed resource rooms at each center provide access to  
computer workstations, job orders and listings, resume  
software, and a wealth of planning and job search  
assistance information.

[www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org](http://www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org)

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### **Health Resources:**

**-Coalition of Community Health Clinics Website**  
Provides info about free health care for uninsured people.  
[www.coalitionclinics.org](http://www.coalitionclinics.org).

**-Free custom made shoes and inserts** for people with  
diabetes - Priority Footwear and Pedorthic Services  
provides a full line of Diabetic Shoes and Inserts for Men  
and Women. Medicare and Medicaid accepted. 503-524-  
9656 [www.priorityfootwear.com](http://www.priorityfootwear.com)

**-Free Eye Care for Seniors-** [eyecareamerica.org](http://eyecareamerica.org).

**-Free prescription drug discount card** - Save up to 30%  
or more on most prescriptions that are not covered or not  
fully covered by insurance. Does not cover co-pays. Go to  
[familywize.org](http://familywize.org)

**-HIV 7 Hepatitis C Resource Guide** -  
[www.oregonaidshotline.com](http://www.oregonaidshotline.com)

**-Lions Club** - Eye care & hearing aids. 1-866-623-9053

**-Medical Teams international Dental Van** offers free  
dental van services at various locations in Portland. Must  
call specific locations for referral and scheduling.

St. Francis Dining Hall (503-234-2028)

William Temple House (503-226-3021)

Christ Community Food Ministries (503-239-1226)

All Saints Episcopal Church (503-777-3829)

**-Needy Meds** - Find help with the cost of medication -

[www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org)

**-OHP Client Advocate Services Unit** - 800-273-0557;  
For questions about coverage and billing in the Oregon  
Health Plan

**-The PACS Program** - Prescription and Community  
Services. A resource and support program for adults  
living with mental illness in Mult. Co. Peer run. Call 503-

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228-5692 for an intake and to schedule an appt.  
**-Partnership for Prescription Coverage** - 1-888-477-2669. [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org). Coalition of different groups that can help with prescription coverage.  
**-West Burnside Chiropractic Clinic** - Low & no cost services to those who cannot afford to pay for care. 221 W. Burnside St. Portland - 7:30am-6:30pm M-F. 503-223-2213. [www.wschiro.edu](http://www.wschiro.edu).

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**Information and Referral:**

**-211 Information & Referral** - DIAL 2-1-1 or dial 503-222-5555 or go to [www.211.org](http://www.211.org)  
**-City/County Information/Referral** - (503) 823-4000  
**-Health Helpline** by Oregon Health Action Campaign: 1-866-458-4457. Info on health services.  
**-Housing:** [www.housingconnections.org](http://www.housingconnections.org)  
**-Network of Care** - [www.networkofcare.org](http://www.networkofcare.org)  
**-Oregon Helps** - This site asks a few questions about your income and expenses. The site then estimates your potential eligibility for 33 federal, state and local services. [www.oregonhelps.org](http://www.oregonhelps.org)  
**-Resource web sites** - [www.thebeehive.org](http://www.thebeehive.org)  
**-The Rose City Resource** - [www.streetroots.org](http://www.streetroots.org)

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**Legal:**

**-Disability Rights Oregon** (formally called Oregon Advocacy Center) - 1-800-452-1694; 503-243-2081; Legal representation & disability advice; TTY: 800-556-5351; [www.disabilityrightsoregon.org](http://www.disabilityrightsoregon.org)  
 E-Mail: [welcome@oradvocacy.org](mailto:welcome@oradvocacy.org)  
**-Lawyer Referral Service** - 800-452-7636, 503-684-3763 [www.osbar.org](http://www.osbar.org)  
**-Public Assistance and Disability Rights** (Legal Aid) - 503-241-4111  
**-Legal Aid Services of Oregon** - 503-224-4094 [www.lawhelp.org](http://www.lawhelp.org)  
**-Senior Law Project** - 503-224-4086 Free counseling in legal matters to any Multnomah County resident 60 and older. [www.oregonlawhelp.org](http://www.oregonlawhelp.org)

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**Other Resources:**

**-Community Cycling Center** Complete five hours of safe commuting and bike maintenance training and get a free bike. Must be referred by a social service organization. Can not own an operating vehicle (503)288-8864. [www.communitycyclingcenter.org](http://www.communitycyclingcenter.org)  
**-Education** - Portland Community College - (has GED classes) 503-244-6111, [www.pcc.edu](http://www.pcc.edu); Mt. Hood Community College (have a mental health program) 503-

491-6422, [www.mhcc.edu](http://www.mhcc.edu); Federal Financial Aid - 800-433-3243; [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
**-Fair Housing Council** - 503-223-8295 / Hotline 800-424-3247; [www.fhco.org](http://www.fhco.org)  
**-Free Geek** - Free computers and training in exchange for volunteer work. 503-232-9350 [www.freegeek.org](http://www.freegeek.org)  
**-In-Home Safety Repairs** - Minor home safety repairs for people who have low-income and are 55 years or older and/or have a disability; 503.284.6827  
**-Metro Child Care** - 503-253-5000 [www.metroccrr.org/index.htm](http://www.metroccrr.org/index.htm)  
**-No Longer Lonely** - Online Dating for adults with mental illness. [www.nolongerlonely.com](http://www.nolongerlonely.com)  
**-William Temple House** offers low-cost mental health counseling, emergency social services including food and children's clothing, pastoral care. 2023 NW Hoyt St., 503.226.3021 [www.williamtemple.org](http://www.williamtemple.org)  
**-Write Around Portland** - creative writing 10-week sessions; publish work; 503-796-9224; [www.writearound.org](http://www.writearound.org)

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