

Background | Jason Renaud

Jason Renaud is a nonprofit consultant with over 35 years of open recovery from alcoholism. He's a well-known public speaker and writer on recovery from alcoholism and the experience of people with mental illness, and is an active advocate for people who have fallen through the cracks in the public safety net.

He has been the board secretary of the Mental Health Association of Portland since 2003 and is the organization's voluntary managing director. He coordinates five enduring projects for the organization; the **Law & Mental Health Conference** - in 2021 on *Reducing the Impact of Alcohol on State and Local Governments*; the **Public Housing Conference** - in 2021 on *Recovery Residences*; the **Mental Health Alliance** which advises courts and government agencies on police reform; **Washington Recovery Services**, which owns and operates housing for women exiting homelessness and addiction; the **Alternative Mobile Services Association**, which connects service providers creating alternatives to police.



Renaud spent fifteen years as an executive team member of the national nonprofit Compassion & Choices, working on multi-million dollar fundraising campaigns, successful state ballot measure, legislative, public relations and legal battles, and development of both the medical and pharmaceutical practice of assisted dying. As executive director of Compassion & Choices of Oregon from 2010-2013, he provided in-home patient care coordination for all of Oregon's assisted dying services and was at the bedside for over forty deaths.

Renaud has held managerial positions for several diverse organizations, including executive positions for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Washington State Department of Corrections, *The Oregonian* newspaper, Central City Concern, and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. In 2010 he ran for Portland City Council on a police reform platform. In 2014 Renaud produced the award-winning documentary *Alien Boy: The Life and Death of James Chasse*. He has been amicus to *US DOJ v City of Portland* since 2015. He is a former CIT team trainer, and is a community engagement trainer for the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Currently he serves on the board of the Lone Fir Foundation and Multnomah County's Transforming Justice Steering Committee.

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