

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 an advocate for people who have fallen through the cracks.

He has been the board secretary of the Mental Health Association of Portland since 2003 and is the organization's voluntary executive director. He coordinates four enduring projects for the organization; the Northwest Law & Mental Health Conference presenting the impact of law on people with mental illness; Oregon Housing Conference - in 2020 on COVID and Homelessness; the Mental Health Alliance which advises the Federal Court on police reform; and Washington Recovery Services, which owns and operates housing for women in recovery.



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, legislative, public relations and legal battles, and development of both the medical and pharmaceutical practice of assisted dying. He was Executive Director of Compassion & Choices of Oregon from 2010-2013, providing in-home patient care coordination for all of Oregon's assisted dying in-home services.

He has worked in managerial positions for diverse organizations including the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in both Oregon and Washington State, the Washington State Department of Corrections, the Oregonian newspaper, Central City Concern, and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. In 2014 Renaud produced the award-winning documentary film *Alien Boy: The Life and Death of James Chasse*. He is a certified law enforcement trainer for the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training since 2017 and an amicus to *US DOJ v City of Portland* since 2015.

Renaud lives in Vancouver with his partner Clark County Councilor Temple Lentz.

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