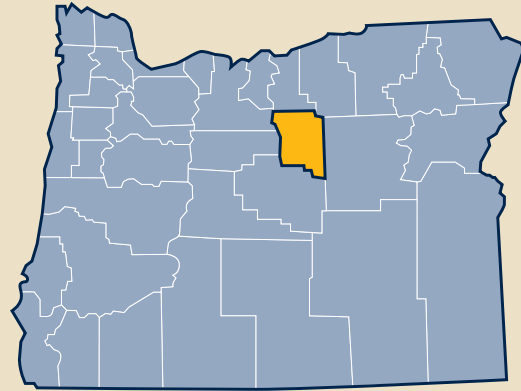




Wheeler County

DHS and OHA

Approximately 85 percent of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) budgets go directly to private sector people and businesses in Oregon communities that provide vital services to vulnerable Oregonians. In addition, **12** members of the DHS and OHA teams are employed in Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman counties.



In Wheeler County during 2009:

DHS

- **10** people accessed an array of long-term services through Seniors and People with Disabilities and its community partners.
- **2** children stayed in daycare while their parents worked because their families received employment-related child care assistance payments.
- **3** individuals with developmental disabilities received comprehensive long-term care and support services.
- **276** children were kept safe and out of foster care through the work of families and community organizations.
- **242** individuals received relief from hunger and food insecurity through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

OHA

- **156** individuals had the security of health insurance coverage through the Oregon Health Plan.
- **475** adults and youth received treatment for mental health, gambling, alcohol and drug problems through programs funded by Addictions and Mental Health in Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow counties.
- **19** newborns were tested and treated for more than 40 serious health problems through the Oregon Public Health Lab.
- **136** doses of vaccine were administered to protect against the H1N1 virus during flu season.
- **100** children received health care coverage through the Healthy Kids program.



It is a time of change and challenge in our state. Oregon families are facing tough times because of economic forces beyond their control. Meanwhile, health care costs keep rising and more seniors and vulnerable people need help than ever before.

These challenges bring our communities together. The Oregon Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority are part of the public structure providing services that affect everyone in Wheeler County. Some services are provided directly. Most come from the partnerships DHS and OHA have with people who live and work in the community — everyone from health care providers to foster parents to public health educators.

DHS and OHA are in transition, but our missions remain intertwined. DHS will capitalize on recent gains and continue moving forward, empowering Oregon's most vulnerable citizens with opportunities to stabilize and improve their lives. OHA will be a new agency, transforming the state's system to make quality health care accessible and affordable to every Oregonian. DHS and OHA will act as partners to improve Oregonians' health and protect their safety and independence.



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Oregon Health Authority