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OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT

Fun with [Caesar the NoDrama Llama](#)

We highly recommend a visit from him!

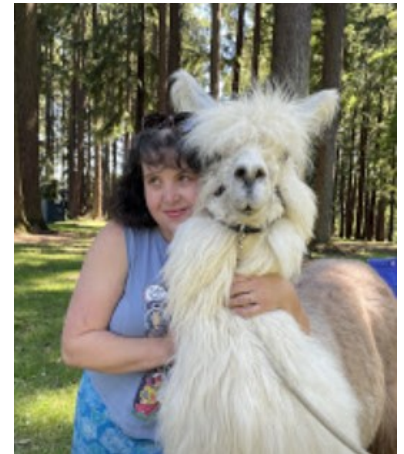
He gives the best hugs!!

Next Meetings

Tuesday July 13th

Tuesday, August 10th

For meeting link email nathe@ohsu.edu



Updates from Social Security Administration

Check the Status of Your Social Security Benefits Claim Online

If you applied for Social Security benefits, or have a pending reconsideration or hearing request, you can check the status online using your *free* personal *my* Social Security account. If you don't have an account, you can create one at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to see the following information about your claim:

- Date of filing.
- Current claim location.
- Scheduled hearing date and time.
- Re-entry numbers for incomplete applications.
- Servicing office location.
- Publications of interest, depending on the claim and current step in the process.

Use your personal *my* Social Security account to check the status of your application or appeal at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

If you have questions about retirement, disability, Medicare, or survivors benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income, visit our webpage at www.ssa.gov/benefits.

Choose a Representative Payee for Social Security to Consider Before You May Need One

The future is uncertain. Our Advance Designation program allows you to pre-select a trusted individual if a time comes when you need a representative payee to help manage your money. Advance Designation enables you to identify up to three people, in priority order, whom you would like to serve as your potential representative payee.

We recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of our Advanced Designation program. Since its launch in March 2020, more than one million eligible individuals have opted to participate.

You may choose an Advance Designation if you are capable of making your own decisions and are:

- An adult or emancipated minor applying for benefits and do not have a representative payee.
- An adult or emancipated minor beneficiary/recipient and do not have a representative payee.

You can submit your Advance Designation information when you:

File a claim for benefits online.

Use the application available in your personal *my* Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Call us by telephone at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

In the event that you can no longer make your own decisions, you and your family will have peace of mind knowing you already chose someone you trust to manage your benefits.

We have updated our Frequently Asked Questions to answer any questions you may have about Advance Designation at www.ssa.gov/faq under "Other Topics." You may also find more information about representative payees on our blog at blog.ssa.gov.



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HIV Continuum of Care Conference

featuring Paul Kawata, Executive Director of NMAC

October 5th & 6th, 2021

Join us for a PrEP Connect Pre-Conference beginning
at noon on October 4th

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220

**FREE in-person and virtual
registration is now open!**

Register Now

About this Event

The HIV Continuum of Care Conference will be a two-day event preceded by a pre-conference meeting on PrEP access. We invite individuals who support those at risk of or living with HIV/AIDS in their community in a professional role to join us.

Application for CME credit will be filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians, Oregon Board of Pharmacy, National Association of Social Workers and the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC).

Assuming no changes in state or local guidelines, this event will be held in person with a limit of 150 in-person attendees. The event will be livestreamed where possible for those unable to attend in person. For more information about our safety precautions, visit oraetc.org/continuum-of-care.

If you have any questions or concerns about registration, please email Rachel at rachel@oraetc.org.



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Awareness Days



The observance is intended to engage faith communities to work together for HIV/AIDS education, prevention, treatment, care and support, and to reduce and eliminate stigma and discrimination.

[NFHAAD was first observed in 2017. The 2021 observance will be marked on August 29.](#)

Good Policy Updates

[Pharmacist-Prescribed PrEP & PEP \(HB 2958\),](#)

House Bill 2958 removes key barriers to pharmacists prescribing PrEP by making clear that pharmacists have the authority to perform an HIV test, requiring insurers to reimburse pharmacists for PrEP screening & counseling, and mandating that most insurers cover at least one form of PrEP without forcing prescribers to obtain approval first.

[The Data Justice Act \(HB 3159\)](#)

The Data Justice Act empowers our state to effectively address health disparities by asking providers to gather and share data with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on patients' race, ethnicity, language, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Providers will have to report this data once a year.

Currently, healthcare providers are only required to collect race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REAL-D) data from COVID-19 patients, and are not required by law to collect any sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data. The bill directs OHA to build a data system that will allow providers to report patients' REAL-D and SOGI data through electronic health record systems, and allow patients to self-report their data via an online portal. This data will be considered confidential and not subject to disclosure under public-record laws, may only be released if it is anonymized and aggregated, and may not be considered by health insurers. With the passing of this bill Oregon is the first state to pass a requirement that healthcare providers collect and report sexual orientation and gender identity!



Dear Friends and Supporters,

After more than 30 years of collaboration and a shared mission, Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) and Our House are finally moving in together. Unifying our two organizations will allow us to better serve and support the needs of our community, while also expanding our vision of care.

We appreciate all your support along our ever-evolving journey to stifle stigma, provide compassionate care and end suffering for individuals with HIV and AIDS.

Together under one roof, we will continue to serve and support our community. This strategic partnership will allow us to reach new communities, restructure our existing services to meet the evolving needs of individuals living with HIV and AIDS and the LGBTQ+ community, and ensure all in our community have access to the help they need at the right time.

Never have our programs, our services and our ability to be flexible in the ways we define and provide care been more important than they are now. We will continue to ensure that our community is receiving the entire spectrum of HIV services such as awareness and prevention education, testing and linkage, housing stability and long-term complex, specialized care. We see this as an opportunity to re-evaluate the ways we provide care and discover new strategies through which we can continue to thrive.

There are many ways to get involved in this exciting next chapter and we hope you will join us as we evolve together under one roof.

With gratitude,

Tyler TerMeer, PhD
Executive Director CAP

Mary Rita Hurley, MPH, RN
Executive Director Our House



In an effort to remain aware of all of our programmatic and staff changes throughout the HIV community in Oregon we would like to collect and share that information.

Programmatic & staff changes should be sent to lagermes@ohsu.edu by the last Wednesday of the month.

Cascade AIDS Project

Welcomes

Robb Lawrence (he/him/his) into a new role at CAP for him as the new Housing Navigation Team Lead at Davis St!

Says Farewell

Matthew Lucas (he/Him), Manager of Prevention Services
 Heather Webb (she/her) Employment Services Coordinator
 Sadie Oliver –Grey (She/her) Housing Services Specialist
 Mandy Wilson McKimmy (she/her) Medical Director Prism Health

Hiring <https://www.capnw.org/careers>

Employment Services Coordinator at Davis St. This position is at .9FTE.
 SW WA: Prevention Services Coordinator & HIV/STI Test Counselor

Partnership Project

Says Farewell

David Ochan (he/him) MAI Navigator with Lutheran and Partnership Project
 Corrie Halladay (she/hers) Medical Navigator at OHSU

HIV Day Center

Staff Changes- Jose Jimenez-Smith left EMO as the Food Program Coordinator after 2.5 years.
 John Lamb has now transitioned into this role from EMO's Food Services program at the Patton Home.
 At the end of July our current Quaker Volunteer, Celia Rayfield will leave as our Activities and Events Coordinator.
 Katie Schmitt will be our new Jesuit Volunteer to fill this role in August.
 Our MSW Intern from PSU, Sheilagh Diaz finished her internship at our site in the beginning of June.

HIV Day Center continued

Program- We have bridged a partnership with Familias en Accion! They will be having a team member from their HIV and STI program come to the Day Center on Tuesdays from 11am-12:30pm to support our Latinx clients at the Day Center.

Multnomah County Grant Administration and Planning

Welcomes

Jonathan Basilio is the new HIV Program Specialist Sr. within HIV Grant Administration & Planning, Multnomah County Health Dept. Jonathan is the contract monitor for Ryan White Part A services. He can be reached at jonathan.basilio@multco.us.

Thanks for your help in keeping the community updated. Please send them your new staff announcement, farewells and program updates to lagermes@ohsu.edu to be included in the next newsletter.



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