

TRADITIONAL HEALTH WORKERS

MAKE IMPACT!

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ADVANCED HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

Governor Kate Brown, in her letter to the Oregon Health Policy Board, identified 4 main focus areas to guide Oregon Health Authority in defining expectations for CCO 2.0. One of these focus areas was Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity (SDOHE). In response to the Governor's letter and based on public input, the Oregon Health Policy Board recommended increased integration and utilization of Traditional Health Workers.

Traditional Health Workers are public health workers that either work in a clinical or community setting to support the provision of high-quality and culturally competent care to diverse populations while ensuring the promotion of health equity. Oregon Health Authority has categorized THWs into 5 categories. They include the following

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Purpose - to provide services with an understanding of the community being served

BIRTH DOULA

Purpose - to provide personal, non-medical support to women and families throughout a woman's pregnancy

PEER WELLNESS SPECIALIST

Purpose - to provide peer services as part of a person-driven, health home team, integrating behavioral health and primary care to assist and advocate for individuals in achieving well-being

PERSONAL HEALTH NAVIGATOR

Purpose - to provide information, assistance, tools and support to enable a patient to make the best health care decisions

PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Purpose - to provide supportive services to a current or former consumer of mental health or addiction treatment

CERTIFICATION

THWs must complete an Oregon Health Authority (OHA) approved training program to qualify for State Certification. This applies to Community Health Workers, Peer Support Specialists, Peer Wellness Specialists, Personal Health Navigators, and Birth Doulas

CERTIFICATION VALIDITY



Years

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CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY

Be at least 18 years old



Not be listed on the Medicaid provider exclusion list



Have successfully completed all required documentation and completed application



Pass a criminal background check



Complete Oral Health training



Complete OHA approved THW Certification Course



Submit completed THW application to OHA



OHA reviews application



OHA performs background check



Applicant added to list of THWs on OHA's THW Registry

TRAINING PROGRAMS

List of OHA approved Training Programs

No. 🔻	Certification Type	Organization	City 🖵
140.	Peer Support Specialist - Adult Mental Health and		City
1	Adult Addiction	CHANCE Recovery	Albany
	Community Health Worker	SWOCC	Coos Bay
	Community Health Worker	Benton County Health Services	Corvallis
	Accessing Success Peer Support Specialist	Relief Nursery, Inc.	Eugene
	Community Health Worker	Willamette Family, Inc.	Eugene
	Community Health Worker	Lane Community College	Eugene
	Peer Support Specialist Adult Addiction	Lane Community Conege	Lugerie
7	Peer Support Specialist Adult Mental Health	Willamette Family, Inc.	Eugene
	Youth to Youth Support	Youth M.O.V.E Oregon	Eugene
-	Adult Mental Health	Touth W.O.V.E Oregon	Lugerie
	Family to Family Support		
10	Youth to Youth Support	Oregon Behavioral Consultation and Training	Grants Pass
10	Peer Support Specialist	oregon benavioral consultation and training	Gialits Fass
	Community Health Worker	Rogue Community College	Grants Pass
	Community Health Worker	Northeast Oregon Network (NEON)	La Grande
	CEU: Motivational Interviewing (6 CEUs)	Foundations for Recovery	Medford
	Peer Support Specialists Adult Addiction	Foundations for Recovery	Medford
12	CEU: Peer River Rendezvous Conference	Foundations for Recovery	Mediord
14		Community Councilling Solutions	Milwaukie
	Workshops (19 CEUs)	Community Counselling Solutions Bay Area First Step, Inc.	North Bend
	Peer support Specialist - Adult Addictions	Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center	
10	Peer Support Specialist - Family to Family Support		Pendleton
22		Cultivating A New Life Through Communuity Connections &	
	Adult Mental Health and Adult Addictions	Warrios In Recovery	Portland
	Adult to Adult Addictions Support	The Miracles Club	Portland
	Adult to Adult Mental Health Support	Cascadia Behavioral Health	Portland
	CEU: Latino Health Equity Conference's (14 CEUs)	Familias en Accion	Portland
	Community Health Worker	Immigrant Refugee Community Organization	Portland
18	Doula/ Birth Companion SMC	Shafia Monroe Consulting/ Birthing CHANGE	Portland
25	Peer Support and Peer Wellness in Adult Mental Health and Adult Addictions	Lutharan Cammunity Sanginas Northwest	Portland
	Health and Addit Addictions	Lutheran Community Services Northwest	Portialiu
20	Peer Support Specialist - Family Support	Providence Health and Services Swindells Resource Center	Portland
	Peer Support Specialist Adult Adiction	Portland Community College	Portland
	reer support specialist Addit Adiction	Mental Health and Addiction Counselling Board of Oregon	Fortialia
2/	Peer Support Specialist Adult Adiction	(MAHCBO)	Portland
	Peer Support Specialist	Umpqua Community College	Roseburg
	Adult Addictions, Adult Mental Health	Recovery Outreach Community Center	Salem
31	Family Peer Support Specialists, Youth and Young	necovery outreach community center	Juicill
33	Adult Peer Support Specialists	Oregon Family Support Network	Salem
- 52	Peer Support Specialist	5.505 anni j support network	Sarem
	Peer Wellness Specialist		
30	CEUs	Project ABLE	Salem
- 30	Peer Support Specialists - Young Adult to Young		Sarem
29	Adult Addictions	Oregon Youth Authority	Salem
	Traditional Health Worker	Multi-Cultural Consultants, Ltd.	Salem
20	Peer Support Specialist - Adult Mental Health and	surtain consultants) Etai	Juleill
33	Adult Addiction	Sheryl Mead Oregon Supplement	Sherwood
- 33	CEU: Implicit Bias, Privilege, Awareness, Cultural	onery, meda oregon oupprement	5.1614/500
3/1	Competency, Tools and Supports	Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI)	The Dalles
- 34	competency, roots and supports	Oregon State University College of Public Health and Human	
25	Community Health Worker	Sciences	Varies
	Something fredict Worker		

Source: https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OEI/Pages/THW-OHA-Approved-Training-CEU.aspx

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Care Coordination and System Navigation

Outreach and Direct Services

Education

Assessment, Evaluation, and Research

Advocacy, Organizing, and Cultural Mediation

Social Support

