

## Community Health Worker Training Initiative for Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) Communities

Oregon State University is pleased to partner with EOCCO on a multi-year initiative designed to increase the number of qualified community health workers (CHWs) in Eastern Oregon.

### Overview for Health Care Organizations/Providers

#### Objectives

- **Increase the number of trained CHWs in the Eastern Oregon region.**
- **Improve health and well-being outcomes for our population, such as increased utilization of preventive care and related services, more consistent care management and reduced health disparities among underserved populations.**

#### Course Highlights

- An innovative new, seven-week program has been developed for Eastern Oregon. This online/onsite hybrid course will provide content in a flexible online format, with periodic instructor-led sessions onsite in Eastern Oregon communities.
- The course will be offered 3-4 times per year for a cohort of up to approximately 25-30 students per session.

#### Organization/Provider Considerations

- This initiative seeks to leverage the talent of front-line workers already present in hospital, public health and provider organizations across Eastern Oregon.
- Progress on our shared goals related to utilization and condition management, for example, should demonstrate a positive return on investment for this initiative.
- Provider reimbursement for CHW services from EOCCO to contracted providers will offer an incentive for any investment of time and resources needed to thoughtfully integrate newly trained staff.
- As this initiative progresses, we will develop and provide advanced training options to include CHW leadership development.

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