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December THW Monthly Newsletter

December is here and this month brings a blend of warmth, reflection, and a dash of festive spirit. As we look ahead to a new year, let's carry forward the our successes and continue to grow stronger together.

December 2nd-6th brings **National Influenza Vaccination Week**, a time dedicated to reminding people that getting a flu shot will help fight the flu and protect themselves during this holiday season! Take a look at [OHA's Influenza Vaccination Toolkit](#) for more information and how THWs can support this effort.

EOCCO Updates

NEW! HRSN Benefits

As of November 1st, 2024, EOCCO's Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) housing benefit has launched. Eligible members can now receive up to six months of support from EOCCO for rent and home updates. For more information, visit EOCCO's website: [Health-Related Social Needs | EOCCO](#)

- Current benefits: Housing, Climate Devices
- Upcoming benefits: Nutrition (launches 1/1/2025)

NEW! Flex Forms/HRS Updates

EOCCO has increased scope of the HRS/Flex Funds Program. This now includes medical transportation (non-emergency), increased hotel reimbursement, and increased daily food reimbursement. EOCCO has received fewer requests for these services and encourages THWs to promote them. Access the Flex Funds request form at [EOCCO - Flexible services request form \(updated Jul 2020\)](#).

EOCCO Birth Doula Hub

Calling all birth doulas! EOCCO has launched its birth doula hub, which provides an opportunity for doulas to receive client referrals, easily document information, and have EOCCO submit billing for rendered services. Anyone interested in contracting with the hub should email THW@eocco.com.

Recruitment for the THW Workforce Committee | [Apply here](#)

Want to help shape the future of THW work in Eastern Oregon? Join EOCCO's THW Workforce Committee to give your perspective and feedback, review/propose materials, and contribute to innovative project! The committee will be filled with THWs, community partners, and clinics. Meetings will take place monthly-- apply now!

Ongoing Opportunities

- Join EOCCO's Searchable Provider Registry | [Join here](#)
- Onboard onto Unite Us | email THW@eoocco.com
- Personal Health Navigator Certification (Legacy Clause) | email THW@eoocco.com

Resources

Flyers

English

- [Birth Doula Flyer](#), *providers*
- [Birth Doula Flyer](#), *members*
- [Birth Doula Referral Form](#), *providers/members*
- [CHW Flyer](#), *members*
- [THW Flyer](#), *members*
- [THW Satisfaction Survey](#), *link for members*
- [THW Satisfaction Survey_postcard](#), *for members*

Spanish

- [Birth Doula Flyer](#), *providers*
- [Birth Doula Flyer](#), *members*
- [CHW Flyer](#), *members*
- [THW Satisfaction Survey_postcard](#), *members*

THW Guides

- [EOCCO THW Quick-Start and Billing Guide](#)
- [EOCCO's Community Resource Guide](#)
- [Become an EOCCO DMAP Provider](#)

Community Updates

NEW! Oregon HOWTO Grant Program | [Learn more here](#)

The HOWTO Grant Program is intended to expand health professional training within the state to address current and future shortages in the health care workforce in rural and medically underserved areas of Oregon. **Applications for this round of funding are now open, through December 16, 2024.**

LAST CALL! MultiPlan Rural Health Grant | [Learn more here](#)

MultiPlan Rural Health Outreach Grant Program awards funding to help healthcare providers in rural areas introduce or expand services, education, screenings and other programs aimed at improving the health of people in their communities. Applicants may receive up to \$40,000. Applications due December 15, 2024. NEW! Rural Health Resource Hub

Rural Health Resource Hub | [Access here](#)

The Oregon Office of Rural Health has created a Rural Health Resource hub for THWs and providers to easily gather information and resources to events, education, funding, and technical assistance across Oregon.

Workforce Toolkit to Support CAH and Rural Providers | [Access here](#)

The Flex Monitoring Team, a collaboration of multiple universities, has created a toolkit with education, resources, and modules to support healthy communities in rural areas, for THWs and providers.

OHA Q&A Sessions | [Register here](#)

OHA is offering monthly Q&A/Help sessions for THWs to get their questions answered, navigate the new [THW Provider Portal](#), and discuss application questions. More dates to be announced soon.

Meetings

THW Monthly Collaborative

Second Mondays | 10 am - 11 am PST | [Register here](#)

Join the THW Liaison to get updates from EOCCO, collaborate with other THWs, and work through cases. EOCCO is currently collecting feedback of these meetings. Give us your input here: [Meeting Feedback Poll](#).

Note: New meeting times will be announced in January! Cadence will be bi-monthly.

Training Opportunities

Featured Trainings

Healthy Rural Oregon THW Trainings | [Learn more](#)

Healthy Rural Oregon (HRO) funds multiple cohorts of THW training and community-based cohorts every here. Check out their website for more information and lists of upcoming trainings.

NEW! PSS-Youth Training

Free | Monthly | Virtual | [Register here](#)

Youth Era has teamed up with OHA and is offering free PSS-Youth training for interested individuals. Training is OHA-approved and occurs monthly with trainings scheduled from 10am-4pm.

NEW! PSS-Family Foundation Training

\$470 | January 13-23, 2025 | Virtual | [Register here](#)

This training is designed to provide an understanding of the role of a Certified Family Support Specialist (FSS). An FSS is someone who is or has been the primary caregiver for a child with mental or behavioral health challenges and uses their lived experience to support other families in similar situations. Join this training and become a PSS.

Featured Continuing Education

NEW! YSS Wraparound Planning Process

FREE | December 12th, 10am-4pm | Virtual | [Register here](#)

Explore the basics of Wraparound and the Youth Partner role from a youth peer perspective. Gain fresh insights and practical tools to better support youth and families. Perfect for community members seeking to make a real impact.

NEW! Motivational Interviewing From Start to Finish

\$800 | January 10-April 18, 2025 | Virtual | [Register here](#)

This four-month series will teach you how to guide your clients and patients towards change in a positive and supportive way, by learning the fundamentals of Motivational Interviewing skills from the ground up. 24 CEUs.

NEW! Take Care of Yourself: Action Planning

\$15 | December 9, 8:30-10am | Virtual | [Register here](#)

This 90-minute online interactive session is all about you! Creating a plan, reducing barriers and finding support on your journey! If you have not taken a previous session or if you have been at them all, come join us as we navigate actionable ways to self-care and make ourselves a priority! 1.5 CEUs.

Other Trainings & Continuing Education

For more training and CEU opportunities, follow [this link](#) to an updated Google Sheet. If you know of training opportunities you'd like to see in the sheet, please email THW@eocco.com.

THW Spotlight

This month's THW Spotlight is on EOCCO's second birth doula cohort. These individuals attended 70 hours of birth doula training in just five weeks! We're excited to see these new doulas grow into their roles. Congratulations to this cohort!

Have a member who could use a birth doula? Refer them to a doula using [EOCCO's Birth Doula Referral Form](#).

**Have a success story or want to be featured for your work?
Submit your THW Spotlight here!**

If there is something you would like to see in our Monthly THW Newsletter, please reach out to the THW Liaison by email at THW@eoocco.com or by phone at (503) 952-4995. TTY users, call 711.



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