

February THW Monthly Newsletter

February brings new opportunities for THWs! Make sure to sign-up for upcoming meetings and apply to EOCCO's Birth Doula Training program.

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EOCCO Updates

NEW! Q4 THW Utilization Survey

EOCCO is reporting on its THW utilization for Q4 2023 (October 1st - December 31st 2023). If you provided any services in Q4, we want to know! Take a minute to fill out the quarterly utilization survey now. Thank you!

EOCCO's Community Resource Guide (EOCRG) | Access here

The EOCRG was developed to support health care providers, community partners, and EOCCO members in identifying food, housing, and transportation resources that exist in their county. Needs related to food, housing, and transportation are the most prevalent social needs among Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Eastern Oregon, and across the state of Oregon. THWs can use this guide to look up and refer members to county-level resources.

LAST CALL! Birth Doula Training Application

Open until Feb. 20, or filled | Apply here

EOCCO is recruiting its first Birth Doula Cohort and applications to the training are now available. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis or until filled, with final admission decision made on February 26th. Training occurs March to April with a blended format. See "Training" section below for more information.

To learn about the program, register for a Lunch and Learn session:

• Feb. 14 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. PST

Personal Health Navigator Certification

EOCCO is supporting qualified individuals who want to become an OHA-certified Personal Health Navigator (PHN) through the Legacy Clause. A PHN is an individual who provides information, assistance, tools and support to enable a patient to make the best health care decisions.

If you have worked in a similar role as a PHN for at least 3000 hours between 2004 and 2025, you may be eligible to be certified at no cost! For information and to start your application, please email THW@eocco.com.

Community Opportunities

CDC Project Firstline "Mico-Learns"

Free infection trainings by the CDC to learn about infection control concepts and actions to stop the spread of germs. Available to healthcare professionals and patients. Provides printable resources for professionals to use with members.

Rural Business Development Grant

This opportunity supports small and emerging private businesses to start or expand. Funds can be used for a variety of purposes. Applications are open year-round.

LAST CALL! EOCCO Psychology Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to support students who are pursuing degrees in Clinical Mental Health Counseling or Social Work who wish to go on with a career in one of the following counties: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler. **Applications due March 1, 2024.**

NEW! Rural Population Health Innovator Grant Program

This grant program provides rural organizations with up to \$10,000 in funding to create or maintain an innovative program that supports needs around population health, health equity and/or social drivers of health. Applications due May 3, 2024.

NEW! Speech to Communicate (S2C) Classes

Vanessa Spriet with Spelling Allies is looking to connect with families and individuals who are non-speaking or limited-speaking. She serves Pendleton, Tri-Cities, Joseph, Ontario, La Grande, Baker County, and Boise. Services can be paid out-of-pocket, through grants, or through ODDS parent training. For more information, contact vanessa@spellingallies-S2C.com.

Meetings

EOCCO Meetings

THW Monthly Collaborative

Second Mondays | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. PST | Register here

EOCCO wants to provide a space for THWs to connect with each other, collaborate on ideas, share experiences, and ask and answer questions. The THW Liaison, Hannah Briggs, will host these meetings, providing an opportunity to build community while offering updates on all things THWs and EOCCO. For questions, presentations, or ideas, email THW@eocco.com.



Lunch and Learn: Birth Doula Cohort Webinar

February 14 | 12 - 1 pm PST | Register here

Are you interested in joining EOCCO's inaugural Birth Doula Program cohort? Attend this webinar to learn about the application, program requirements, certification, and birth doula life in Eastern Oregon! *This is the last information session before the application deadline.*

Training Opportunities

Featured Trainings

LAST CALL! EOCCO Birth Doula Training

Free | March 1 - April 23 | Blended | Apply here

EOCCO is offering its inaugural Birth Doula training program that will take place in March and April. Trainees will complete a 60-hour OHA-approved Birth Doula course and 10-hour EOCCO meeting series to meet training requirements to become an OHA-certified Doula. Further questions can be directed to THW@eocco.com.

NEW! EOCCO Health Care Interpreter (HCI) Training

Scholarship available | April - June | Apply by email

All Spanish-speaking THWs are encouraged to apply to EOCCO's HCI training program. The 8-week program is taught by Oregon State University and will prepare students to become Oregon certified and/or qualified interpreters. Students from Eastern Oregon are eligible for scholarships. For more information and to apply, reach out to eoccometrics@modahealth.com.

NEW! ORCHWA Community Health Worker Training

\$1500 | April 30 - June 27 | Virtual | <u>Apply here</u>

Apply by March 1st. The Oregon Community Health Workers Association invites you to apply to its OHA-approved Foundational CHW Training! Completing all of the requirements of this training provides an opportunity to become a certified community health worker recognized by the state of Oregon.

Featured Continuing Education

NEW! Motivational Interviewing and Addiction

March 25 | Virtual | \$25 | Register Here

A 4-hour training to sharpen your skills in helping people move toward positive changes and better health using motivational interviewing tactics and practices. For all CHWs, PSSs, and PWSs, 4 CEUs.

Other Trainings

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

To be featured on the THW Spotlight, submit your story. We want to hear about your accomplishments and successes, and feature you next month.

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@eocco.com or by phone at (503) 952-4995. TTY users, call 711.





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