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## July THW Monthly Newsletter

July's warming up, just like this edition of the THW Newsletter! Take a look at all the opportunities to keep you cool and informed this month.

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## EOCCO Updates

**NEW!** Annual EOCCO THW Survey -- win \$25 | [Take it here](#)

Every year, EOCCO must report on its THW Network to OHA. Please take a moment to fill out this year's THW Survey (all questions are optional). All survey responses will remain anonymous to OHA. ***Every THW who completes the survey will be entered to win one of two \$25 gift cards!***

**Join EOCCO's Provider Registry** | [Join here](#)

Want to be searchable and findable through EOCCO? Join EOCCO's Provider Registry! All THWs are encouraged to add their information to the Provider Portal so members can search by specialty type and contact you for services. Fill out the form above so we can list you!

### **Onboard onto Unite Us**

Unite Us is a virtual platform to send, receive, and manage patient referrals across a network of providers, CBOs, and community resources. Unite Us also has built in

social needs screening (OHA-compliant), seamlessly blending into THW work. If you'd like to be onboarded, contact [THW@eocco.com](mailto:THW@eocco.com). Learn more on the attached flyer.

### **EOCCO THW Quick-Start and Billing Guide | [Access here](#)**

EOCCO developed a guide for THWs and THW employers to easily reference training requirements, supervision guidelines, scopes of practice, state and Medicaid enrollment, and billing for all THW worker types. The guide will be regularly updated and is available on EOCCO's website.

### **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.

### **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 3,000 hours in the past five years, you may be eligible to be certified at no cost! For information and to start your application, please email [THW@eocco.com](mailto:THW@eocco.com).

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## **Community Updates**

### **NEW! OHA Doula T-Codes Webinar**

July 31st | 10am PST | [Register here](#)

Birth doula billing codes have officially changed as of July 1st. Register for OHA's Doula's T-Codes Webinar to learn about how to bill, ask OHA staff questions, and provide initial feedback.

### **NEW! 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.

**LAST CALL! [Future Ready Oregon Workforce Ready Grants](#)**

The HECC will award a combined total of approximately \$40 million to recruit and retain a diverse workforce in key sectors of Oregon's economy (healthcare, manufacturing, and technology) through focused Requests for Applications (RFAs). CBOs and workforce service providers can apply by July 31, 2024.

### [Competency Testing for Lapsed THW Certification](#)

If your THW certification has lapsed and is expired by more than six months, OHA is now requiring Competency Testing to renew your certification (in addition to CEUs). You no longer have to go through another training! Testing involves written and in-person skill assessment. **Tests for all THW types are now available.**

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## **Meetings**

### [EOCCO Meetings](#)

#### **THW Monthly Collaborative**

Second Mondays | 10 am - 11 am 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. For questions, presentations, or ideas, email [THW@eocco.com](mailto:THW@eocco.com). **NEW!** Beginning June, these meetings will have time for specific topics and continuing education. See below for topic outlines:

- July: CLAS Standards
- August: THW/Behavioral Health Integration



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YOU'RE INVITED!

## THW Monthly Collaborative Meetings

- Connect with other THWs
- Meet EOCCO's THW Liaison
- Build community
- Share experiences
- Learn about updates, opportunities, & programs

Sign up here:



Meetings held over Zoom  
10 AM second Mondays of the month

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## Training Opportunities

### Featured Trainings

#### **NEW!** Paid CHW Training

FREE | Begins August | Online & Virtual

OCHIN is offering a 100-hour OHA-certified CHW training beginning this August. This course is conducted virtually with an additional 400 paid hours of CHW internship (and an optional additional 2000 hours of paid work). All participants will receive a stipend for training. **For more information and to sign up, contact CJ Willett, [willettc@ochin.org](mailto:willettc@ochin.org) ASAP.**

#### **NEW!** Family Support Specialist Foundations Training

\$470 | July 8-10, 15-17 | Virtual | [Register here](#)

OSFN is offering a virtual 42-hour training to become OHA-certified as a Family Support Specialist (Peer Support Specialist). A Certified Family Support Specialist (FSS) is one who is currently, or was previously, the primary parent/caregiver for a child with mental health/behavioral health challenges and uses their lived experience to support other families. Scholarships available by contacting [sara@ofsn.net](mailto:sara@ofsn.net).

#### **NEW!** Birth Doula Training (in Spanish) | [See flyer here](#)

\$1300 | August - September | Blended

Doulas Latinas is offering a 68-hour, OHA-approved birth doula training, Doulas Latinas Capacitation, in Spanish beginning August. This training requires virtual and

face-to-face instruction and can be completed in six months to a year. Limited scholarships are available to rural Oregon participants. Email [doulas@doulaslatinainternational.org](mailto:doulas@doulaslatinainternational.org) for more information.

### **CHW Foundational Training**

\$1,300 | August - December | Virtual | [Register here](#)

NEON is offering an OHA-certified CHW training beginning this August. The course consists of 20 online sessions. For every week of class, there is about an hour of independent/group homework. Upon completion of this training, participants will qualify for certification as a Community Health Worker. Contact Kinda Cable at [kcable@neonoregon.org](mailto:kcable@neonoregon.org) for availability.

### **Featured Continuing Education**

#### **41st Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference**

\$399 | October 2 - 4 | In-person, Bend | [Register here](#)

This is the 41st Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference, supporting rural health in Oregon, bringing together health care leaders from all over Oregon to share challenges and solutions to improve health in our rural communities. CEUs available.

#### **CHW Mental and Behavioral Health**

\$250 | July 8 - 28 | Virtual | 12 CEUs | [Register here](#)

Oregon State University is offering a virtual, three week course about mental illness and addiction, including the risk factors, behaviors and stigma often associated with these conditions. You will explore evidence-based therapies and services for supporting people living with these conditions.

### **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](mailto:THW@eocco.com).

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

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

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