



Taking action for basic human needs.



**The Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO)** promotes the dignity of all Oregonians through improved public policy and strengthened support for human services. HSCO has engaged with decision makers in reorganization, streamlining efforts, and transformation activities since our founding in the mid-1980s, seeing success and failure along the way.

Today, there are multiple systems change efforts underway which will significantly impact all Oregonians. To guide our advocacy efforts moving forward, we have developed seven system change principles. These systems change efforts include:

- Health care transformation
- Long term Care 3.0
- Early learning
- Public safety reform
- Technology changes, including the Exchange (Cover Oregon) and the modernization project
- Lean systems
- Business practice streamlining and supervisory ratios
- Tax and revenue reform
- The ten year budgeting process
- Examination of Housing and Community Services model of service delivery

#### **HSCO Principles Regarding System Change, for consideration in January 2013:**

1. We believe all discussions of systems change must include a person centered approach and strive to protect low income or vulnerable Oregonians. We believe all Oregonians deserve safety, stability, and access to opportunity.
2. We believe that stakeholders, including consumers, must have meaningful involvement in system change planning and implementation.
3. We believe information, education, and outreach are critical tools to encourage inclusive processes and to ensure access.
4. We believe that equity and the elimination of disparities must be a goal of these systems change efforts, and should be considered and embraced as we move forward.
5. We believe that efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, accountability, and the development of measurable outcomes must be the goals of all efforts.
6. HSCO will continue to analyze and advocate on matters such as revenue restructuring, budgets, and tax expenditures. We will continue to utilize existing tax and revenue principles of fairness, adequacy, stability and transparency.
7. We believe that the impact of these changes must be assessed for effects in other systems, in order to avoid unintended consequences while ensuring maximum collaboration. Moreover, the relationships between federal, state, and local governments are in the midst of changes and challenges that must also be considered in order to achieve positive outcomes. And finally, providers, non-profits, the faith community, the workforce, and volunteer efforts should be considered, better aligned, and supported to achieve desired results.



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For 20 years, the Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO) has been promoting the dignity of vulnerable people through improved public policy. HSCO members advocate for a common goal – human services that are fair, humane and efficient. With our partners, we have become a powerful coalition that protects the quality of life of all Oregonians.

- We frame policy decisions through trusted relationships with lawmakers
- We train our members to use traditional and emerging tools to translate our priorities into effective advocacy
- We engage and mobilize stakeholders across Oregon to ensure that their voices are heard

## 2013 Organization Members

- 211Info
- AAUW-OR
- Advocacy Coalition of Seniors
- ALS
- Alzheimer’s Association
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
- Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs
- Association of Oregon Counties Care Oregon
- Caregiver Connection
- Cascade Aids
- Cascadia Behavioral Health Central City Concern
- Children First for Oregon
- Children’s Institute
- Clackamas County Social Services
- Coalition for a Healthier Oregon
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Community Action of Washington
- Community Action Partnership of Oregon
- Disability Rights Oregon
- Disability Benefits Training
- Economic Fairness Oregon
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- Elders In Action
- Halfway House
- Health Share Oregon
- Healthy Change Consulting
- Home Forward
- Housing Authority of Clackamas County
- Janus Youth Programs
- IMPACT Northwest
- Kaiser Foundation Plan of the NW
- Lifeworks NW
- Leading Age Oregon
- Mainstreet Alliance
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Molly’s Fund Fighting Lupus
- Morrison Center Child
- Multnomah County Dept. of Community Services
- NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness
- NASW Oregon Chapter
- Neighborhood Partnerships
- New Perspectives for Counseling
- O4AD
- Oregon Public Health Institute
- OHCA
- OHSU
- OPERA
- OR UUVFJ
- Oregon Action
- Oregon AEYC
- Oregon AFSCME Council 75
- Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans
- Oregon Alliance of Children’s Programs
- Oregon CASA Directors
- Oregon Association of Hospitals
- Oregon Center for Christian Values
- Oregon Center for Public Policy
- Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Oregon Council for Retired Citizens
- Oregon Council on DD
- Oregon DD Coalition
- Oregon Dental Association
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Medical Association
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon Primary Care Association
- Oregon Rehabilitation Association
- Oregon School Based Health Care Network
- Our Oregon
- Pacific Source Health Plans
- Parkinson’s Resources of Oregon
- Partners for Hunger Free Oregon
- Partnership for Safety and Justice
- Portland Jewish Foundation
- Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- SEIU Local 503
- Senior Citizens Council
- ShelterCare
- Tax Fairness Oregon
- The Urban League of Portland
- Thorn Run
- Trillium Family Services
- United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
- We Can Do Better
- Youth, Rights, and Justice

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