

# Health Care and Housing for People Living with HIV/AIDS

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Providing Care to People Living with HIV and  
Preventing New Infections



# State Statistics

## Oregon:

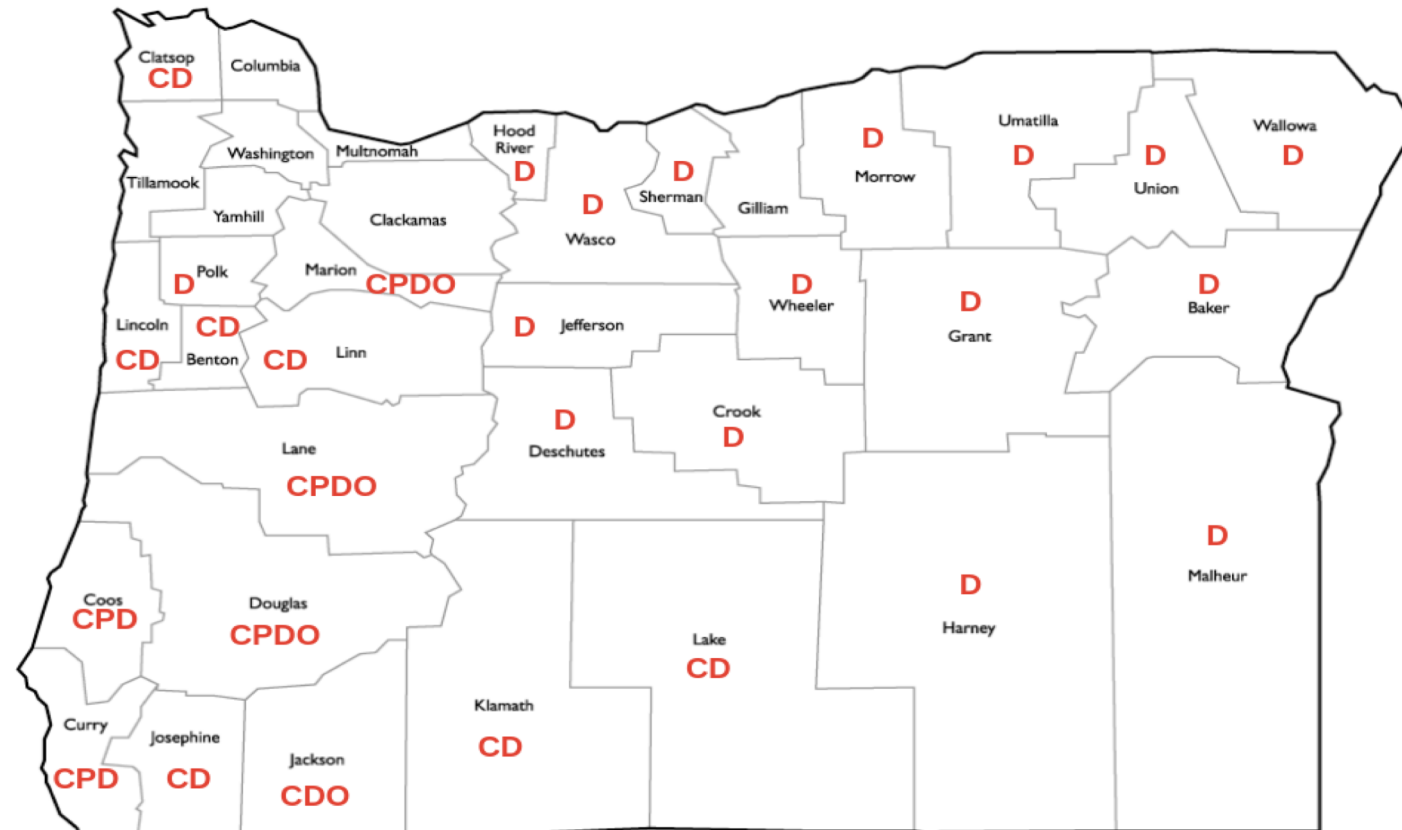
- **7,000** reported people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)
- **237** new infections annually
- **1 in 13** don't know they have HIV

# HIV Alliance Services

- Care Coordination and Support Services for people living with HIV
- HIV, HCV, & STI Testing
- Behavioral Health Services
- Youth Education
- Evidence Based Prevention Services
- Syringe Exchange & Overdose Prevention
- Rural Peer Recovery Services

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# HIVA Clients



CPDO = Care, Prevention, Dental and Office available

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CD = Care, Dental available

D = Dental available

- 44% have OHP
- 34% have Medicare
- 12% homeless
- 20 % female
- 37% age 25-44

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# Housing Instability and HIV

To obtain and benefit from life-saving HIV treatments, people living with HIV must have safe, stable housing.

People with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or unstably housed:

- Delayed Treatment
- Higher Viral Load
- Adherence
- Hospitalization & ER Utilization
- Premature Death

Housing status impacts our clients more than zip code, age, or other demographics

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**OUR HOUSE**

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“Inspiring people with  
HIV to live well”

# Programs

- 24-hour specialized residential care facility
- Neighborhood Housing and Care Program (NHCP)
- Esther's Pantry & Tod's Corner



# Aging HIV+ Population

- **At Our House, the average age is 60 with 2-5 chronic diseases** which complicates the housing issue as we need safe, affordable housing with wrap around services
- In 2014, approximately 45% of HIV-positive Americans were 50 or older, and demographics indicate that **the population of HIV-positive older adults is likely to grow significantly over the next decade.**

# Aging HIV+ Population

- While this represents a major public health achievement—as **more individuals with HIV are enjoying longer, healthier lives** through access to effective care and management—it also represents **new challenges to both aging service providers and HIV/AIDS service providers.**
- Because of **limited resources** and social support for older adults with HIV/AIDS, **stable housing can be problematic to secure or maintain.**

# Our Mission:

We support and empower all people with or affected by HIV, reduce stigma, and provide the LGBTQ+ community with compassionate healthcare.



# Our Work

- **Cascade AIDS Project**

- 35+ years of providing traditional HIV services to community
  - Housing: long-term, transitional, short-term, and emergency
  - Wrap-Around Support Services
  - Prevention & Education

- **Prism Health**

- LGBTQ+ focused primary care & integrated behavioral health

# Cascade AIDS Project Service Area

## Oregon:

- Clark
- Clackamas
- Columbia
- Multnomah
- Washington
- Yamhill

# Housing is Health Care

- Action to meet HIV housing needs costs far less than inaction, and is a wise use of limited public resources.
- Studies have shown that access to stable housing has a significant impact on health outcomes, including:
  - 34% reduction in emergency room visits
  - 21% reduction in hospitalizations
  - 44% reduction in reported opportunistic infections
- Preventing one new case of HIV infection in the U.S. saves \$300,000 in lifetime medical costs

Sources: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and National AIDS Housing Coalition

Cascade AIDS Project



# Housing is Health Care

- For people living with HIV/AIDS, housing is one of the strongest predictors of their access to treatment, their health outcomes, and how long they will live.
- Currently, a funding gap of about \$5.2 million exists to ensure housing assistance and case management for the more than 350 PLWHA across Oregon that are homeless or housing insecure over the next biennium.
- While long term solutions to our crisis are needed, increased rental assistance funding for PLWHA, would work to help our clients retain current housing or access safe and stable housing, while creating better health outcomes and reducing overall health care costs.

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