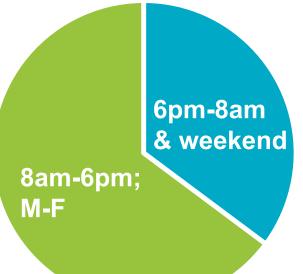


# **Oregonians need** local coordinators and 24/7 access to basic service navigation via phone, text and email



# Contacts Dialing 211



81% of other 211 centers nationwide provide 24/7 service Current business hours: 268,877 (65%)
After-hours: 146,028 (35%)

More than a third of calls to 211info are attempted after hours



### HOW

24/7 staffing in Contact Center

Additional capacity for Resource Database staff Requested State Investment: \$3.2M24/7 Service<br/>ExpansionLocal<br/>Coordinators\$1,821,691\$1,335,766



8 local coordinators

Local coordinators build stronger connections with emergency services, health and human service providers, early learning and housing programs













4.67 FTE for contact center to answer calls/texts/emails 24/7

8 FTE for community based coordinators around the state

1 FTE for resource database staff

Data analysis and reporting that provides regional and demographic service need trends



# **BENEFITS OF 24/7 SERVICE EXPANSION**

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Economic efficiencies for the state and an essential public utility that is 24/7

Cost-effective for state agency partners, service providers and their customers seeking 24/7 assistance

Meets needs of working families who can't access information during traditional business hours



Communities experiencing emergencies receive around-the-clock responsive and accurate information



# **BENEFITS OF LOCAL COORDINATORS**

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211info coordinators live in the communities they serve, this increases the ability to quickly update records to ensure they are client-centric, accurate and represent real-time availability

Community-based partner for local emergency coordination activities

On-the-ground coordinators build trust and relationships in rural and underserved areas, creating stronger database and holistic cross-sector collaboration

Increases regional ability to make data informed decisions about programming and resource allocation

Streamlines the efforts of clinical and education sector partners to make referrals to Social Determinants of Health, Equity, and Education. Provides framework for coordinated entry and navigation assistance







# Footprint

### **Top Requested Needs**

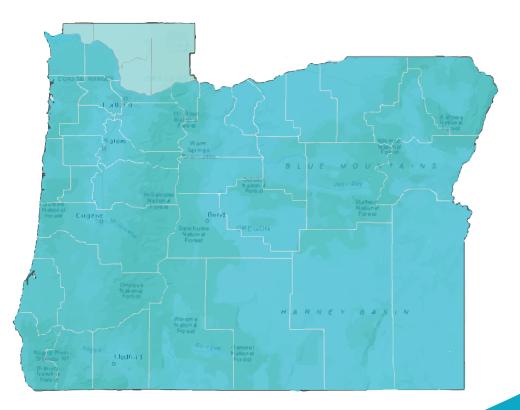


#### Housing (34%)

#### Utility Assistance (11%)

- Individual, Family and Community Support (e.g., Child Care) (10%)
- Food/Meals (10%)

#### All Other Needs, 27%











# **Our 4 capabilities:**

contact center, resource database, data reporting and outreach / social media

211info's mission is to be the central hub that empowers communities by helping people identify, navigate and connection with the local resources they need

Launched 211 service in 2004. In 2013, completed expansion to all 36 Oregon counties. Expanded from phone-based referrals to include text, email, searchable online database and mobile app. Accredited by the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRS). 65 staff, many bilingual; all have access to interpreter service with 240 languages



### **211**info Background and Service

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#### **Contact center**

Certified specialists, many bilingual High consumer satisfaction ratings Equity-focused and trauma-informed practices AHC navigation

#### **Resource database**

Existing community partnerships 30,000 records meeting AIRS standards Integrated with community systems

**Data reporting** Sweet spot; growing function for 211info

**Outreach** Social media platforms Community-based coordinators



### **211info Case Studies**

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#### **Emergency Response**

Key role in wildfires, disease outbreaks, floods, tsunami and other disasters

#### 2019: State contact center for measles information

2018: Portland Scrapyard Fire information on evacuations, shelter, health FAQs



2017: Oregon Eclipse Hotline information on traffic, fires, safety, where to view eclipse

> 2017: Eagle Creek Fire evacuation information, shelters, etc.

**Southern Oregon outreach:** Community-based coordinator built relationships and strengthened 211info database by making presentations, participating in Early Learning, health networks, emergency planning, and other community partnerships

**Child Care program:** Parent educators provide referrals to child care programs that meet needs of parents and guardians and referrals to other community resources such as food, support groups, kindergarten readiness and health care

#### **Examples:**

In 2018, one of 211info's parent educators received calls one day from parents in Deschutes and Tillamook counties who had been offered jobs but couldn't accept them until they located child care during non traditional hours and that accepted their Employment Related Day Care payments. The parent educator emailed each of them a list of local child care providers that met their needs, along with information on how to identify a high-quality child care provider

**Oregon Eclipse Hotline:** 211info partnered with Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Parks and Recreation and the Central Oregon Emergency Information Network to assist with a million visitors during the state's peak wildfire season. 211info opened for extended hours to answer questions about where and how to safely view the eclipse, emergency preparedness, traffic, road closures and other real-time information

In December, a Umatilla County resident left this message for a supervisor: "I called in inquiring about food stamps. You have an agent there, his name is Will. In a time of despairing life, this man was caring, compassionate, and he had the information I needed. This is the type of caring person we need"

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