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Behavioral Health Workforce Incentives Dashboard

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House Bill 2949 Background

[House Bill\(HB\) 2949](#) (2021) directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to increase the recruitment and retention of behavioral health providers who:

- Are people of color, Tribal members, or residents of rural areas of Oregon, and
- Can provide culturally responsive care for diverse communities.

HB 2949 split American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds into two buckets including

- **\$60 million to develop a diverse behavioral health workforce** in licensed and non-licensed occupations through scholarships, [loan repayment](#), retention and peer workforce development.
- **\$20 million for clinical supervision grants.** These are for licensed behavioral health providers to supervise associates or other individuals, so they complete the supervised clinical experience required to obtain a license to practice.

BHWI Dashboard

Purpose:

- To provide transparency to legislators, community partners, and the public on the progress of behavioral health workforce incentive (BHWI) programs.
- To improve outcomes for future behavioral health workforce incentives by providing insight from these programs.

BHWI Dashboard link:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/AMH/Pages/BHWI-Dashboard.aspx>

Thank you

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