

CDC funding for HIV prevention

In late June, CDC released the 2012-2016 HIV prevention funding announcement for health departments. Per the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, this reallocation seeks to better align funding with the geographic distribution of the U.S. HIV epidemic.

Unfortunately, Oregon will encounter serious funding cuts. CDC's new approach to HIV prevention funding is described in this fact sheet: <http://1.usa.gov/FOA2012>. We are working on the grant application, which is due Sept. 14. As always, we welcome your input.

Social support for PLWHA



Ringo was right. We all get by with a little help from our friends. However, for people

living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), finding social support can be difficult due to factors such as stigma and isolation.

Of the 523 clients receiving HIV care in Oregon who participated in the Medical Monitoring Project in 2009-2010, more than a quarter (26%) reported needing support from other PLWHA in the past 12 months. About half (52%) of those who said they needed peer support did not receive it.

Connecting PLWHA with peer support resources may benefit their emotional, physical and sexual health. The Oregon HIV/STD Hotline is an excellent tool to learn about social support resources available to PLWHA, from local support groups to online social networking sites specifically for PLWHA. Even if your area lacks local resources, many online resources are available for clients to use anywhere they can access a computer or smart phone.

Contact the hotline at 1-800-777-2437 or search the website at www.oregonaidshotline.com.

Put a face with a name

Meet the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) HIV Prevention Team and other OHA staff.

Front row (left to right): Lorelee Trocio, program evaluator; and Cessa Karson-Whitethorn, counseling and testing program analyst.

Back row (left to right): Dano Beck, technology intervention specialist; Barbara Keeps, HIV/STD/TB fiscal analyst; Larry Hill, program development analyst; Ruth Helsley, HIV prevention manager; Jude Leahy, adult viral hepatitis prevention coordinator; and Warren Scott, HIV prevention administrative assistant.



Upcoming events

Training: Mobilization and Media for HIV Prevention in Rural, Latino Communities

Aug. 2-4 in Woodburn

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day

For more information, call 202-293-5420 or email HIV@farmworkerjustice.org.

Salem Capitol Pride

Aug. 6 at Cascade Gateway Park in Salem

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.capitolpride.org.

Eugene/Springfield Pride

Aug. 13 at Alton Baker Park in Eugene

Noon - 7 p.m.

For more information, visit

www.eugenepride.org.

The ABCs of Viral Hepatitis

Aug. 24 in Bend; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Aug. 30 in Pendleton; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Jude Leahy at judith.m.leahy@state.or.us or 1-971-673-1130.

Camp Starlight

Aug. 28 - Sept. 2

For more information, contact Angie Raffaele at araffaele@cascadeaids.org or 503-278-3823.

National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day

Sept. 18

National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Sept. 27

For more information, visit NAPWA's website at <http://bit.ly/NGMHAAD>.

Camp Starlight



If you have ever gone to summer camp, you know it's an experience you never forget: a time to learn, explore, make new friends, and have adventures. Cascade AIDS Project's Camp Starlight offers these experiences for a very special group: kids infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. HIV is a heavy burden for any child. But at Camp Starlight, they are supported, loved, and accepted.

The camp is Aug. 28 through Sept. 2, 2011 at the Oregon Coast. CAP has space for more campers, ages 5-14. If you or a family you know has kids affected by HIV, let them know about Camp Starlight.

If you have questions or would like an application, contact Angie Raffaele at 503-278-3823 or araffaele@cascadeaids.org.

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