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OREGON Home Care COMMISSION

Recruitment event for homecare and personal support workers coming to Pendleton Tuesday-- morning and evening sessions planned

Two recruitment events are planned for Tuesday, November 17 in Pendleton for homecare and personal support workers. The events will be held at the Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main Street.

"There is a greater need for workers as the senior population in Oregon increases, new regulations related to the Fair Labor Standards Act are implemented, and the number of children eligible for services under the K-Plan increases. One of the goals of the Oregon Home Care Commission is to attract a committed and diverse homecare workforce to meet the specific needs of Oregonians who are seniors and people with disabilities who are eligible for Medicaid or OPI services and supports in and outside of the home.

Individuals who successfully complete the application and enrollment process will have access to the Oregon Home Care Commission's Registry and may appear on referral lists for consumers and families looking for a homecare or personal support workers throughout Oregon. They also have the ability to search Registry Help Wanted Ads in their communities posted by consumers and families," Cheryl M. Miller, Oregon Home Care Commission Executive Director, said.

Homecare workers provide in-home services for seniors and adults with physical disabilities eligible for publicly funded in-home programs. A personal support worker provides services and supports in and outside of the home for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and also for adults with mental illness.

Some of the qualifications for these careers include: good communication skills; attention to detail; flexibility; problem solving skills; respect for others; ability to follow directions; and a passion for helping people.

Some of the benefits of being a homecare or personal support worker include: paid time off; health insurance; Worker's Compensation; paid trainings; and opportunities for advancement.

The recruitment events will cover provider application and enrollment agreements; background check sessions, SEIU (Service Employees International Union) presentations; new worker orientations for homecare and personal support workers.

The morning session is from 8 a.m. to noon. The afternoon session is from 1 to 5 p.m. The same material will be covered in each session. The Oregon Home Care Commission, the Oregon Department of Human Services and SEIU are hosting the events. To register: http://recruitment-event11-17.eventbrite.com .

The Oregon Home Care Commission is responsible for ensuring the quality of home care services that are funded by the Department of Human Services for seniors and people with disabilities. The Commission's duties and responsibilities include addressing the needs of persons with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, their family members, and personal support workers while fulfilling its mission. To learn more about the Oregon Home Care Commission: http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/spd/pages/adv/hcc/index.aspx.

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