

# News Release



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## Personal Support Worker recruiting event planned for March 15 in Salem



The Oregon Home Care Commission, in celebration of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, is hosting a Personal Support Worker recruiting event for people looking for employment working with children and adults experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities. The event is planned for Tuesday, March 15 at the Red Lion Hotel, 3301 Market Street NE, Salem, Oregon. There will be a morning and an evening session offered: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. To register: <http://pswsalem.eventbrite.com>.

“People 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 Personal Support Workers throughout Oregon. They also will have the ability to search the Registry Help Wanted Ads in their communities posted by consumers and families,” Cheryl M. Miller, Oregon Home Care Commission Executive Director, said. “Personal Support Workers provide supports and services for children and adults experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities who are eligible for publicly funded programs in their homes and community. Families, Self-Advocates, and Consumers should send applicants to this event to expedite the enrollment process.”

Qualifications for this career include good communication skills, attention to detail, flexibility, problem solving skills, respect for others, ability to follow directions and a passion for supporting people. Personal Support Workers receive a competitive wage, paid time off, health insurance, Worker’s Compensation, paid trainings and opportunities for advancement.

The Oregon Home Care Commission, the Oregon Department of Human Services, and Creating Opportunities are hosting this event. Creating Opportunities is one of our new STEPS contractors serving the Marion, Polk, Yamhill, and Linn-Benton counties providing training to individuals and families on how to be effective employers. Creating Opportunities will hold two Employer of Record (EOR) workshops during the event. For more information contact Creating Opportunities at 503-559-3674.

Event participants looking for work must bring a state issued photo identification card (Driver's License) and a Social Security card. Original documents are required. If you have questions, please call 877-624-6080.

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 is also responsible for addressing the needs of people with intellectual and 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/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/HCC/Pages/About-HCC.aspx>.

For more information about the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/index.aspx>.

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