



About the Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative

In 2014, advocates for older adults and people with disabilities succeeded in lobbying the Oregon Legislature to fund the Behavioral Health Initiative for Older Adults and People with Physical Disabilities. This investment created 25 new positions throughout the state to place professionals who specialize in behavioral health for older adults and people with disabilities in local community mental health programs. These Behavioral Health Specialists have since been building capacity in their communities to better meet the needs of this historically underserved population.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE GOAL

The goal of the Behavioral Health Initiative for Older Adults and People with Physical Disabilities is to better meet the needs of these populations by improving timely access to care from qualified providers who work together to provide coordinated, quality and culturally responsive behavioral health and wellness services.

MISSION

- Improve the population's access to behavioral health providers, services and benefits
- Improve the knowledge and skills of people who provide services or care to the population
- Improve the population's knowledge about signs and symptoms of behavioral health problems and how to address them

ROLE OF THE SPECIALIST

Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialists are located in all 36 counties in Oregon. Specialists are responsible for guiding the initiative in their respective regions. Specialists have skills, education/training, and expertise related to mental health and aging, as well as, knowledge about the aging and behavioral health systems at the federal, state, and local levels.



Offer training to support workforce development and community health and wellness promotion



Provide Complex Case Consultation



Promote collaboration and coordination among core stakeholders and community partners

Yamhill County's Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist offers free trainings to the community.

Available trainings cover a wide range of older adult and behavioral health topics.



GET CONNECTED

For questions or requests for trainings and complex case consultations please contact your Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist