

# ADA Celebration: Board, Commission, and Council Information

## Disability Services Advisory Council

The Disability Services Advisory Council (**DSAC**) informs the local office of Aging and People with Disabilities on how their policies are, or are not, serving those receiving in-home and community-based care in the area. It also advocates general and specific issues that affect the quality of life for people with disabilities. This dynamic advocacy often occurs with collaboration and support from local, state, and national partners.

For a full explanation of the range of topics discussed, go to the following link:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/agency/pages/dsac.aspx>

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact the wonderful staff who support this council: [Oregon.DSAC@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:Oregon.DSAC@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

## Governor's Commission on Senior Services

The Governor's Commission on Senior Services (**GCSS**) is an official state commission made up of 21 members, including volunteers appointed by the governor, and two legislators (one from the House and one from the Senate). The commission:

- Studies programs and budgets of all state agencies that affect older adults and people with disabilities.
- Recommends development of a comprehensive plan for delivery of services to older adults
- Promotes responsible statewide advocacy for older adults

For a full explanation of the range of topics discussed, go to the following link:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/agency/pages/gcss.aspx>

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact the wonderful staff who support this council: [gcss.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:gcss.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

## **Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities**

The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) is made up of self-advocates, family members, representatives of advocacy organizations, community partners and state agencies that provide services and supports to people with developmental disabilities. The group advances social and policy change so that people with developmental disabilities, their families and communities may live, work, play, and learn together.

For a full explanation on the range of issues we may address, go to the following link: <https://www.ocdd.org/>

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact the wonderful staff who support this committee: [info@ocdd.org](mailto:info@ocdd.org)  
Phone number: 971-239-8650

## **Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Advisory Committee**

The Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Advisory Committee's (ODHHS- AC) primary purpose is to identify needs across the state and make recommendations to the ODHS Director on how state services for individuals who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing might be improved or better coordinated to meet the needs of these individuals. The committee meets a minimum of six times a year.

For a full explanation of the range of issues we may address, go to the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/agency/Pages/odhhs-advisory.aspx>

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact the wonderful staff who support this committee: [odhhs.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:odhhs.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

Or to the Chair of this Advisory Committee: [eileen.marma@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.marma@gmail.com)

## **Oregon Disabilities Commission**

The Oregon Disabilities Commission (**ODC**) is a Governor-appointed commission that is administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services. ODC acts as a coordinating link between and among public and private organizations serving individuals with disabilities. The ODC mission is to secure economic, social, legal, and political justice for individuals with disabilities through systems change.

For a full explanation of the range of issues we may address, go to the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/agency/pages/odc.aspx>

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact the wonderful staff who support this committee:  
[oregondisabilities.commission@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:oregondisabilities.commission@odhs.oregon.gov) Phone Number: 800-282-8096

## **Oregon Home Care Commission**

Oregon Home Care Commission (OHCC) is in the Oregon Constitution and is charged with four main responsibilities:

1. Defining qualifications of homecare and personal support workers.
2. Providing a statewide registry for the workforce.
3. Providing training opportunities to individuals who provide or receive in-home services.
4. Serve as the “employer of record” for collective bargaining for the homecare workforce.

For a full explanation of the range of issues we may address, go to the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/agency/pages/ohcc.aspx>

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## **Oregon Older Adult Disability Behavioral Health Advisory Council**

The Older Adults/People with Disabilities Behavioral Health Advisory Council is a representative advisory body of the Oregon Health Authority and Aging and People with Disabilities/Oregon Department of Human Services that advises and supports the State of Oregon on issues, services and programs that affect the behavioral health of older adults and people with physical disabilities, including mental illness and substance use disorders. The Advisory Council, which meets quarterly, includes representatives from the primary organizations and individuals who are interested in senior/disability behavioral health.

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## **Oregon Self-Advocacy Coalition**

We are a self-advocacy organization fighting for the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As a 501(c)(3) organization operated by people with disabilities, we organize and advocate for full inclusion in society. We work to reverse the assumption that people with disabilities deserve only limited roles in society.

For a full explanation of the range of issues the committee may address, go to this link: <https://www.askosac.org/>

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact staff who support this committee: [gabrielle.guedon@askosac.org](mailto:gabrielle.guedon@askosac.org)

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## **Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

The Statewide Independent Living Council is consumer led, disability focused and aims to promote equal rights and opportunities for participation, self-

determination, choice, empowerment, and informed decision making for people with disabilities and those who provide independent living services.

For a full explanation of the range of issues the committee may address, go to this link: [www.orsilc.org](http://www.orsilc.org)

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact staff who support this committee: [Oregon.silc@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:Oregon.silc@odhs.oregon.gov)

## **State Rehabilitation Council**

The State Rehabilitation Council (**SRC**) represents the voice of those who receive employment services through Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Services (OVRs). The purpose of the council is to provide consumers with a formal mechanism to influence the direction of OVRs programs in Oregon and provide an external, consumer-oriented perspective.

Current subcommittees include the Outreach Committee, Policy and Budget Committee, Legislative Committee, Evaluation/Recommendation Committee, Carceral Impact Workgroup, Executive Committee.

For a full explanation of the range of issues the committee may address, go to this link: [orsrc.org](http://orsrc.org)

If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact staff who support this committee:

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