

Health Center Escort Program

WE'RE THRILLED TO STEP INTO THE SECOND YEAR of the **Volunteer Health Center Escort Program** at PPSO.



Our volunteer escorts are essential to creating a warm and welcoming presence at our health centers. This is especially important when there are protesters on site.

Our Health Center Escort Volunteers have been able to build meaningful connections with other volunteers because of our buddy system. There are no special skills required to volunteer, just a desire to increase access to reproductive healthcare services.

Our Volunteer Health Center Escort Program is fundamental to supporting our patients and staff and we continue to recruit new volunteers at the Eugene (Franklin Blvd.) and Medford health centers.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with PPSO, visit bit.ly/PPSO-Volunteer.



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Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon

A note from our CEO

As a champion for reproductive healthcare, I am thrilled to share what we've been doing to pave the way for access here in Oregon.

Our work keeps pushing forward. This year we have completed a groundbreaking expansion of our Medford Health Center, increased access to comprehensive sexuality education, and advocated for the historic win of HB2002, which protects patients and providers following the fall of Roe and will address gaps in access for those who need care most.

As you know, the attacks on reproductive health care and freedom have not stopped since Roe fell. Abortion bans continue to pass in record-breaking numbers across the country.

Almost every day, people across the country are seeing their right to bodily autonomy stripped away. We've seen this in the Texas Mifepristone Case, the increased bans on Gender Affirming Care, and endless number of bans restricting abortion access. Each of which have huge impacts on our daily work.

Your strength and dedication to PPSO allows our commitment to **care – no matter what** to never waver. Thank you for your continued support!

In gratitude,

Amy J. Handler, MPH
Interim President & CEO



Let's stay connected!

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Education

IN AUGUST, THE PPSO EDUCATION TEAM wrapped up the fourth annual virtual Sex Ed Boot Camp.

Sex Ed Boot Camp (SEBC) is a dynamic and engaging virtual conference that brings together experts across the field to provide participants with relevant information on teaching sexuality education to young people. This conference aims to increase the network of trusted adults who are prepared and available to answer questions related to sexual health for youth in our communities.



The weeklong conference focused on "Reconnecting to our Roots Through Community-Centered Sexuality Education" and featured nine sessions on topics like Answering Challenging Questions, Adulthood and Adult Allies, Supporting Survivors through Trauma-informed Care, and a community panel on Addressing Sexual Health Stigma.

SEBC provides a brave space for youth-facing professionals to increase their knowledge, skills, and comfort in serving as approachable resources for young people around sexual health issues.

Your gift at work

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of individuals and families across Southwestern Oregon. Here are just a few ways your gift has supported the health of your community this year.

Patient Services

EARLY THIS SUMMER, PPSO REOPENED our newly remodeled Medford Health Center expanding access to care!



In the six months that followed the fall of Roe in 2022, PPSO saw patients from every single state with an abortion ban.

A core focus of PPSO's health care services has always been to ensure access to abortion care that is convenient, reliable, and available to all those who need or want care.

The expansion of our Medford Health Center addressed an urgent need to increase abortion service capacity statewide and take in patients at later gestational ages. The expansion signifies our unwavering commitment to protecting and expanding access to abortion care by increasing the number of procedure rooms and adding a patient recovery room.

PPSO plays a vital role in the future of abortion nationally and remains at the forefront, fighting for

the rights of individuals to access safe and legal abortion care. The Medford remodel and expansion is part of a much larger, national picture for abortion and reproductive healthcare access for all.

As folks across the country continue to navigate the abortion landscape, PPSO is grateful for the investments of our donors that ensure we are able to expand safe and convenient abortion care to our patients.



PPSO's Southern Oregon Health Centers already serve as access points for a broad scope of reproductive health services for those living in Southern Oregon, and those traveling from Eastern Oregon and Northern California. This expansion allows PPSO to better serve folks in the area that are often forced to endure delays to care due to travel.

Together, we're making a significant impact on the health and well-being of our community and expanding access to many more folks across Oregon – and beyond.

For an in-depth look into our Medford expansion and the services we provide, scan the QR code or visit [youtube.com/watch?v=PwCldbUGRqU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwCldbUGRqU).



Advocacy

THIS SUMMER, OREGON'S GOVERNOR Tina Kotek made history by signing HB2002 into law!

HB2002 is a first-of-its-kind bill which protects patients and providers following the fall of Roe and will address gaps in access for those who need it most.

HB2002 ensures:

- **New protections are in place for all providers in Oregon**, effectively solidifying legal protections and preventing our providers from being subpoenaed and prosecuted out-of-state for providing abortion and gender affirming care services.
- **Out-of-pocket costs for gender-affirming care** are covered by insurance companies.

This is a big win in our fight for reproductive rights for Oregonians and a huge step toward expanding access to care for all.

We remain committed to a world where access to health care, including sexual and reproductive care, is a human right for everyone – no matter their income, their immigration status, or their gender identity. **No Matter What.**



20,396
TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SERVED

DATA FROM FY23 (JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023)



2,468
ABORTION PROCEDURES PROVIDED
78% MEDICATION
22% SURGICAL



7,501
REACHED BY OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGH 190 HOSTED PROGRAMS