

# Get to know our CEO!

SINCE JOINING PPSO IN 2020, Amy has fought to preserve and expand our right to bodily autonomy – advocating for abortion access and LGBTQ+ rights, while promoting health equity. As PPSO's President & CEO, we want to take this opportunity to share a bit more about her.

## Q: What brings you to this work, Amy?

Early in my career as a legislative aide in the Wisconsin State Senate, I had the opportunity to work with two Planned Parenthood lobbyists advocating for a bill to bring comprehensive sex education to K-12 grades in Wisconsin. The real \*spark\* that caught me was the passion and drive of Planned Parenthood staff. Joining PPSO was both a full-circle moment and a real dream come true. I see the same passion and drive to serve our patients and community every single day at PPSO.

## Q: We know self-care is essential in this work. How do you find balance?

I feel my best when I'm active! I am often training for my next half marathon or exploring the great outdoors by bike or foot, listening to a podcast – or, most recently, Beyoncé's Cowboy Carter album gives me extra motivation to go further!

## Q: Is there anything else you would like supporters to know?

As a life-long advocate for reproductive healthcare access and health equity, I am deeply committed to the fight ahead. Luckily, I am not alone in this work! We have an incredible team at PPSO. I am beyond proud to be working alongside our dedicated providers, educators, staff and supporters to close reproductive health disparities and advance health equity!



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# Make your voice heard.

## VOTE IN OREGON'S MAY PRIMARIES...

Oregon's vote-by-mail makes voting accessible and easy. Plan for how and when you will vote, and make sure to mail your ballot or drop it at a registered ballot drop location by **May 21**.

## ... & RAISE A TOAST!

After you cast your ballot on May 21, join us at **Falling Sky** for Pint Night benefitting PPSO! All day \$1 of every pint (beer, cider, wine, and house soda) will be generously donated to PPSO!

## REGISTER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER

The deadline to register to vote in the presidential election is **October 15**. Don't wait! Registering online takes less than 5 minutes.

**Already registered?** Check to make sure your registration is updated with your current address.

## TALK TO YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ABOUT THEIR PLANS TO VOTE!

**Having a plan to vote increases voter turnout.** What's more, voters who have heard from family or friends about the importance of casting their ballots are more likely to turn out on election day! **Talk with five friends or family members about their plan to vote.**



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# A note from our CEO

The fight for bodily autonomy and basic human rights continues! Since the Dobbs decision stripped away our constitutional right to abortion, we have seen countless attacks on reproductive health across the country, from abortion bans to attacks on gender affirming care. Bans continue to pass in record-breaking numbers and the future of abortion access is, yet again, being decided by SCOTUS in both Mifepristone and EMTALA cases.

Every day at PPSO, we provide life-saving and life-affirming care through all of our reproductive healthcare services. I am excited to share an inside look into our recent expansions and how we continue to fight to ensure everyone can receive the essential reproductive healthcare they need, want and deserve.

The work we do at PPSO is rooted in a shared vision for everyone to have access to the highest-quality, nonjudgemental reproductive health care and sex education. Now, PPSO is fighting harder than ever to ensure that everyone who needs healthcare has access to the services they need.

As PPSO's President & CEO, I continue to be inspired by you – the champions of this work – and your commitment to Care. No matter what.

In gratitude,

Amy J. Handler, MPH  
President & CEO



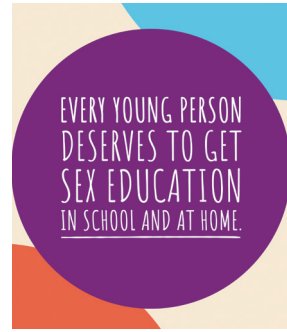
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# Education

## May is Sex Ed for All month



THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF AMERICANS want young people to get sex education – including parents and young people themselves. Sex education helps young people learn how to have healthy relationships, make informed decisions,

be respectful to people who are different from them, and love themselves for who they are.

**Sex education gives young people age-appropriate, medically accurate information and answers to their questions about sex and relationships, without being shamed or judged.**

Sex ed is proven to positively impact young people’s lives. But too many young people don’t have access to sex education, or the programs in their school are shaming or inaccurate.

Sex education works. It gives young people the knowledge and skills they need for a lifetime of good health and happiness, and it sets them up for success in a diverse society. **Together, by advocating in our communities, we can ensure Sex Ed for All.**

**40**  
PARTNER SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS REACHED THROUGH DIRECT EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## REV(olution) Youth Leadership Program

PPSO WELCOMES ALOE GRABER, Community Educator, to our education team! Aloe has 7+ years of experience working with youth in health education. They are dedicated to providing safe, intentional, and respectful learning environments that support youth in building self-efficacy and resilience. Aloe’s passion for education began when they were a member of PPSO’s REV(olution) Youth Leadership program.

OVER THE LAST  
**17** years  
REV YOUTH HAVE PROVIDED  
COUNTLESS HOURS OF  
VOLUNTEER WORK

The REV(olution) Youth Leadership program engages high school age youth in learning about and advocating for sexual and reproductive healthcare issues through peer-to-peer education, public speaking, and youth action. Youth work together with PPSO facilitators to plan outreach events, become community advocates, educate their peers and parenting adults, and train professionals.

REV youth have provided countless hours of volunteer work over the last 17 years and continue to work hard **educating peers, parents, and youth-serving professionals in Southwestern Oregon.**

PPSO is excited to kick off the 2024-25 REV program in both Lane County and Rogue Valley this summer! All high school age youth are invited to learn more at [bit.ly/PPSO-REV](http://bit.ly/PPSO-REV).

# Care

## Transforming Patient Experience

THIS FALL, PPSO MADE THE TRANSITION TO EPIC, an electronic health record system that will enable patients to access care easily through online booking and provide easy access to their medical records through a mobile application called MyChart.

The MyChart app allows patients to play a more active role in their healthcare by enabling them to schedule telehealth visits, conveniently access test results, effectively communicate with their primary



care providers, and easily refill their prescriptions all from the comfort of their own homes.

As a core focus of our work, PPSO strives to increase access to services and build an overall patient experience that centers our patients’ needs. This transition enables our health centers to easily communicate with Planned Parenthood affiliates across the country, streamlining health care across states and communities. **EPIC allows our health centers to better engage patients where they are, empowers clinicians with actionable insights, and allows our patients easy access to the care they need.**

# ABORTION RIGHTS ON THE LINE

## Arizona enacts 1800’s abortion ban.

In April, the Arizona state Supreme Court ruled to allow the enforcement of a Civil War-era law criminalizing abortion in almost all cases.

## Comstock Act

The 1873 law would criminalize the mailing of drugs or supplies intended to perform abortions, essentially outlawing the shipment of any item used in the procedure. Enforcing the Comstock Act in this way would effectively ban abortion nationwide.



## Florida bans abortion after six weeks.

Recently, the Florida Supreme Court ruled to uphold a 15-week abortion ban. In doing so, the court cleared the way for a six-week abortion ban to take effect in May.

## EMTALA

The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) requires hospitals to provide abortion as necessary to stabilize a patient’s medical condition. Idaho’s ban outlaws abortion except to prevent the death of the pregnant person. In April, SCOTUS heard oral arguments to determine which law overrides. The final decision is expected in June.

## Mifepristone

In March, SCOTUS heard oral arguments in a case petitioning the court to roll back the FDA approval of mifepristone, an abortion drug which has been used safely and effectively for decades. The final decision is expected in June.

**ATTACKS ON ABORTION ARE NOT GOING TO STOP. NEITHER ARE WE.**

## 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.



**9,138**

TOTAL PATIENTS SERVED  
2,635 NEW PATIENTS  
957 TELEHEALTH VISITS



**1,467**

ABORTION PROCEDURES PROVIDED  
75% MEDICATION  
25% SURGICAL



**7,103**

STI SCREENINGS & TESTS PROVIDED