



# Linn County

## 2024 Annual Report

**135 LINN COUNTY RESIDENTS EMPLOYED AND SUPPORTED BY OCWCOG**

### SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels (MoW) serves fresh, nutritionally balanced meals to older adults, people with disabilities, and life partners who often live alone and have limited resources or ability to care for themselves. This program is made possible through **hundreds of amazingly dedicated volunteers**. Beyond food, MoW also provides consistent wellness checks and social connection, empowering low mobility clients to remain safe and independent in their own home.



**163,800**  
MEALS SERVED



**153,690**  
HOME DELIVERIES



**685**  
FOOD BOXES



**4**  
MEAL SITES



**9,425**  
IN-PERSON DINING MEALS

#### CITIES FED WITH MEALS ON WHEELS

Albany | Brownsville | Lebanon | Halsey | Harrisburg | Mill City  
Sweet Home | Sodaville | Tangent

## AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTION (ADRC)

The ADRC is a **free** service that offers the public a single point of entry to access resources, information, and assistance on issues affecting older adults and people with disabilities regardless of their income.



**3,571**  
REFERRALS PROVIDED



**1,365**  
CONSUMERS SERVED

## ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)

Trained APS workers respond to reports of physical, financial, emotional, and other types of abuse, mistreatment and neglect of older adults and people with physical disabilities.



**1,943**  
CALLS RECEIVED



**457 or 23%**  
RESULTED IN INVESTIGATIONS

## LONG TERM CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (LTSS)

Cases supported included individuals residing in in-home care, received care in a nursing facility, Assisted Living or Residential Care Facility, and an Adult Foster Homes.



**1,642** CASES MANAGED

## ELIGIBILITY SERVICES

Medicaid-funded programs in partnership with Oregon Department of Human Services, providing essential support to eligible Oregonians. Including, medical, food, financial assistance, childcare, and more. Medical assistance may cover long term supports, such as in-home or facility care, as well as help with Medicare premiums.



**15,536** ACTIVE MEDICAL CASES

## OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE (OPI)

OPI provides monthly assistance with daily life activities with the help of a home care workers. Support includes bathing, dressing, meal preparation, shopping, housekeeping, and more, helping seniors and people with disabilities **maintain their daily needs and quality of life.**



**86** OPI RECIPIENTS SUPPORTED

## SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIBA)

SHIBA is a Medicare education program where counselors provide free one-on-one advising services on Medicare benefit elections, certified by the State.



**662**  
CLIENTS  
SUPPORTED



**44**  
MEDICARE 101  
ATTENDEES

## THE POWER OF NAVIGATION

*"SHIBA helped my understanding of Medicare tremendously. I don't know how I would navigate healthcare without you. Thank you for ALL you do!"*

## FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Partnering with schools, after-school programs, and other community partners, we provide the regional Foster Grandparent program, connecting **volunteers aged 55 and over with children 3 - 18 years old** to gain personal and academic confidence.



**26**  
TOTAL  
VOLUNTEERS



**8**  
PROGRAM  
PARTNERS



**3**  
CITIES IN  
LINN COUNTY

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*In 2024, we held and/or participated in 19 Linn County community events! Including...*



### Linn-Benton Festival Latino

OCWCOG participated in this incredible annual event for Latinx and Spanish-speaking populations, and all members of the public! A dedicated COG employee, Ana Ojeda Duffy, participated in the planning and execution as part of the Linn-Benton Hispanic Advisory Committee. There was an estimated 750 community members in attendance last year, more than 30 service providers, and 3 local food vendors, as well as regional music groups and cultural performances.

### Albany Pride Festival

Albany's pride festival is the regional pride event between Eugene and Salem. We also participated in pride events in Newport and Lincoln City on the coast. OCWCOG is honored to participate annually, along with many other service providers and local vendors. The festival includes resource booths, a rally, a march through historic downtown Albany, drag performances, speeches and presentations from BIPOC community leaders, music, food, and more!





## ALBANY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) is the designated organization coordinating transportation options and specialized projects for Albany, Jefferson, Millersburg, Tangent, and portions of Benton and Linn Counties.



### \$696,000

COMMITTED TO TANGENT DRIVE MODERNIZATION, WIDENING LANES AND CREATING BIKE LANES

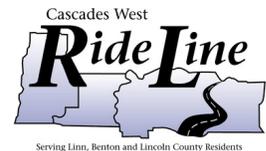


### \$1.2M

COMMITTED FOR THE SAFETY WIDENING OF GOLDFISH FARM ROAD IN ALBANY

## CASCADES WEST RIDE LINE (CWRL)

CWRL is the region's Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT), providing rides to or Medicaid and some Medicare clients.



### 86,774

TRIPS PROVIDED IN LINN COUNTY



### 2,902,410

MILES TRAVELED REGIONALLY, ENOUGH TO DRIVE AROUND THE EARTH 117 TIMES!



### \$700,000

FOR GENERATORS TO SUPPORT SAFE DRINKING WATER AND PUBLIC WORKS

## SWEET HOME EMERGENCY GENERATORS

CED grants services identified an opportunity to help the City of Sweet Home to scope and purchase three generators for emergency city resources and facilities.

## LINN & BENTON BROWNSFIELDS ASSESSMENT

Brownfields are properties that are not being used to their full potential due to known or suspected environmental pollution. For example, a former gas station needs special testing to be ready to be turned into land for a park.



### 4 BROWNFIELDS SITES SELECTED



### 54 ACRES OF LAND

Including the Champion Mill in Lebanon, Quonset Hut in Tangent, and Downtown Parking Lots in Albany. **This land is on its way to becoming something more usable and productive in our communities!**

