

Adult Foster Home

Candidate(s) for Adult Foster Home Council Director

Sandra Anderson

Klamath Falls, OR Region 13

My experience with the union is limited but from what I have seen so far I believe in what the Union stands for. I have attended some of the original meetings prior to our first contract negotiations. In the spring of this year two of my three foster women and I attended the lobby day and were very impressed to see how the Union process works.

Through these experiences and belonging to the Klamath Lake Care Providers I have learned that there are no more worthy people to work and fight for than Adult Foster Care Providers.

Esther Preston

Redmond, OR Region 13

Being involved in bargaining for SEIU 503 for the past 2 yrs on our 2nd contract. I believe I am well informed and meet with people to help them understand that Standing Together is better than alone.

Kathleen Howard

Gold Hill, OR Region 14

See "Vice President" statement.

Lisa M. Schrader

Roseburg, OR Region 14

I have consistently served Adult Care Providers in the Roseburg area with regular meeting opportunities that also carry CEUs. I am interested in serving with our new union, SEIU, as a Council Director because I see that we have greater power as a union if we all stand together. I will do all I can to help build better communication among all Adult Care Providers.

Linda Carol Boot

Oakland, OR Region 16

The reason I decided to join the Union is that I feel we need the support of people with the same goals. To be able to have a voice and freedom to speak out for what we believe in without the threat of any repercussions.

I come from a lifelong family of union members, all of whom are now retired. I value the strength; unity and fellowship of the union, and it's commitments to its members. I feel I would be a great AFH District Council Director because of my dedication and drive to help make our union goals obtainable for all of us. We all deserve to have the same benefits as our elected state representatives have for themselves and their families. I, along with you will help make this possible for us all!

To let you know a little bit about myself and the kind of work I have done over my life. I belonged to the Culinary Union and Meat Wrapper Union in my younger years. When I had to have major surgery the health plan was right there to take the financial burden off of me. I also have had my own business where I could not afford health care and had to make decisions that was not always in my best interest. So I have been on both sides of the track.

Patricia (Patty) R. Jones

Dallas, OR Region 19

See "President" statement.

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Beaverton, OR Region 21

I have been an Adult Foster Home owner and care provider for almost 10 years. During those 10 years I have been in touch with ACPO leaders and I know of their big efforts and little achievements in regards to the improvement of payments received for care of Medicaid residents. When the right to organize in union has been signed into law by the Oregon governor in 2007 the organization became legal, official and the most effective way to work between AFH provider and the state representatives of DHS. Good examples of the Union's efficiency are shown in the agreements made between the AFH Union and DHS regarding the 2008 rate increase and the 2009 halting of the intention to cut rates and also the benefits of some residents.

Due to these achievements I am ready to offer my help in this effort of organizing the Adult Foster Care providers, to further achieve the improvement of their work environment and the better care of the resident they care for. I will communicate with members of the union and will assist others who wish to become union members, as well as any other necessary activities.

Frances Spann

Gresham, OR Region 22

I care about the needs of people. I voice my opinion and make sure everyone's rights are protected. I'm a care provider for a family member with developmental disabilities. I think we have to fight to win, and I want to fight for all providers.

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