

## Oregon On Track To Implement Care Provider Training

Training for care providers and personal support workers is a win-win for workers and consumers; consumers receive a higher quality of care from better-trained professionals and workers have a path towards professional development and career advancement.

Last year, our union advocated for the adoption of SB 1534, which provides training for care providers and personal support workers who are approved to provide services and supports to individuals receiving in-home services funded through Medicaid or Oregon Project Independence.

Senate Bill 1534 included training on topics such as:

- Safety and emergency measures
- Understanding the requirements for providers paid with Medicaid funds
- Providing person-centered care
- Understanding how to support the physical and emotional needs of the individual who is receiving care
- Managing medications
- Providing personal care and assistance with activities of daily living.
- SEIU 503 established a Training Partnership dedicated to training and developing caregivers who provide in-home supports for seniors and people with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities. The Partnership exists as part of the family of employee benefit plans negotiated and sponsored by the State of Oregon and our union.

A website was established to provide updates on the implementation of SB 1534 (<http://bit.ly/CP-training-bill>). It includes recommendations from the Training Workgroup, a task force composed of SEIU members, community partners, stakeholders, advocacy groups, and consumers. Rules for the program are being drafted by a group of SEIU members, community partners, advocates, consumers, providers, and DHS representatives.

The Steering Committee responsible for the overall implementation of SB 1534 is composed of leadership from SEIU, Aging and People with Disabilities, and the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services. **Our union is at the table representing workers' needs in all three bodies convened to implement SB 1534. We have a voice in this process and will ensure that the training is effective, equitable, and benefits workers.**

SB 1534 will be fully implemented in January of 2021, but pilot programs in select counties will begin next year. Stay tuned for updates on the pilots later this year.

## Mark Your Calendar!

### June 2019

**June 1: Homecare Steward Education and Training (101)**  
SALEM. 9am-5pm. This training is the first in a series that informs our stewards of how to interpret and enforce their contracts. Salem SEIU 503 office, 1730 Commercial Street SE. Call 1-844-503-7348 for more information and to register.

**June 15: Administration Review Training (102)**  
SALEM. 9am-5pm. This training is the second in a series of trainings for stewards to learn how to assist members with admin reviews. Open for any member who has already completed 101 Steward Training. Salem SEIU 503 office, 1730 Commercial Street SE. Call 1-844-503-7348 for more information and to register.

**June 20: Oregon Care Partners Presents TEEPA SNOW**  
TiGARD. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, check-in starts at 7:00am. Embassy Suites Washington Square in Tigard. Oregon Care Partners presents a free workshop with nationally recognized dementia care and training specialist Teepa Snow at the Embassy Suites in Tigard on June 20. Teepa's strategies and hands-on techniques can help you improve the quality of life and care for a loved one or individuals living with Alzheimer's or related dementias. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from one of the nation's foremost leaders of dementia-care. Learn more about Teepa Snow at [TeepaSnow.com](http://TeepaSnow.com). For more information and to register go to: <http://bit.ly/Teepa>

## Other Training Opportunities

### Free Trainings through Oregon Care Partners

Oregon Care Partners provides free access to high-quality trainings in all corners of the state, helping caregivers to improve the lives and quality of care of aging Oregonians and individuals living with dementia.

Trainings are made possible thanks to funding by the state of Oregon



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and through collaborations with partner organizations like SEIU. Trainings are conveniently offered both in-person and online on topics that include Alzheimer's and dementia-care, effective approaches to challenging behaviors and safe medication management for older adults. Please note, OCP classes don't count toward training requirements nor qualify for stipend payment for Homecare and Personal Support workers.

Create a free training profile at [OregonCarePartners.com](http://OregonCarePartners.com) or call 1-800-930-6851 for assistance. A list of classes can be located online at <http://bit.ly/OCP-classes>

### Trainings through Oregon Home Care Commission

The Oregon Home Care Commission offers training classes to Homecare Workers, Personal Support Workers, and their consumer-employers. For more information go to: <http://bit.ly/OHCC-classes>