

OHA creates registry of health care volunteers to support COVID-19 response, long-term resilience

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is amplifying efforts to recruit health care professionals to join the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) as Gov. Kate Brown advances plans for safely reopening Oregon. Since March, SERV-OR has added more than 800 new volunteers, strengthening OHA's ability to contain COVID-19 cases and building the capacity of the volunteer program to respond to future emergencies.

"When our health care system was preparing for the worst of this, volunteer health care workers answered the call," said Brown. "I want to commend all our health care professionals and volunteers for their incredible work protecting the lives, safety, and well-being of Oregonians during this crisis." Health care professionals can register to volunteer with SERV-OR at SERV-OR.org. "Oregon's health care

workers are our most valuable asset in the fight against COVID-19," said OHA Director Patrick Allen. "Their skills and energy are saving lives every day, in every part of the state. SERV-OR provides another opportunity to give back and support response efforts while connecting volunteers to high-quality training." Duties of SERV-OR volunteers are as varied as they are vital, from supporting medical casualty triage and

behavioral health services to staffing medical shelters and information hotlines. OHA is planning for volunteers to be a critical part of the state's COVID-19 recovery effort by supporting contact tracing, testing, community wellness campaigns, as well as studies of long-term community effects and mass vaccination programs. Those signing up in the coming days will have the opportunity to train and deploy quickly. In addition to disease outbreaks, SERV-OR volunteers are ready to respond in case of other emergencies and national disasters such as flooding, wildfire, and earthquakes.

emergency response training. SERV-OR volunteers are also invited to participate in functional and full-scale training exercises throughout the year. Exercises may range from the public health response to flu season, new and existing disease outbreaks, and emergency preparedness initiatives to natural and man-made disaster response to hazards such as the Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and tsunami, wildfires, flooding, terrorism, and other types of emergencies. "It's great to know I'm part of a team that is ready to make a huge difference in a disaster. But it takes all of us doing our part," said Perri Wells, Safety & Security Supervisor at Harney District Hospital and a SERV-OR volunteer. "The training I have received through SERV-OR helps me at my day job and

has changed how I look at emergency preparedness." "In rural counties like ours, it's easy for people to get isolated and hard to get access to resources," said Samantha Buckley, Assistant Emergency Manager for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. "We also have small health departments, so during public health emergencies, having extra folks who understand the medical system to lean on is really beneficial." SERV-OR is Oregon's roster of licensed physicians, nurses, pharmacists, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), behavioral health providers, respiratory therapists and other medical professionals who have registered to volunteer in response to local, state, or federal emergencies. For more information, visit govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19.

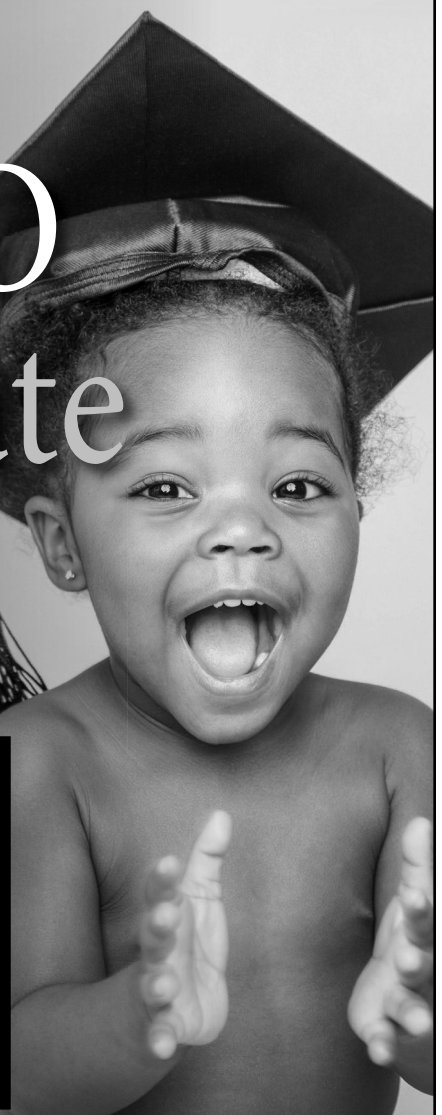
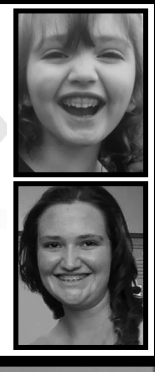
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KXCR adds to new member to board

KXCR 90.7 Florence Community Radio Station announced the appointment of its new board member Rosie Shatkin. Shatkin presently serves as a Legislative Policy Advisor to State Sen. Arnie Roblan. She joined then Representative Roblan's staff in 2009. Before her public service in Oregon, Shatkin worked on habeas corpus review and civil rights complaints for the U.S. District Court

for the Northern District of California. Post law school, Rosie worked as a fellow for the California Appellate Project in San Francisco (CAP-SF), a nonprofit corporation established as a legal resource center to implement the constitutional right to counsel for indigent persons facing execution. She has also worked for a private law firm in its litigation department and did legislative analysis for the California Appellate

Project. Before moving into the legal arena, Shatkin was a high school educator, academic counselor and chairperson of the Social Studies Department at St. Genevieve High School in Los Angeles. She received her Juris Doctor degree in 2005 from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and graduated Summa Cum Laude in political science in 2000 from UCLA. Shatkin makes her home in Florence, Ore.

High Visibility DUII Enforcement this weekend

For this Memorial weekend, May 22 to 25, the Florence Police Department will be conducting extra DUII Enforcement patrols. The Florence Police Department has received additional DUII enforcement funds to help seek out im-

paired drivers and to deter people from driving while they are impaired. The Florence Police Department, along with Law Enforcement agencies throughout Oregon and the rest of the United States are continually making efforts to get impaired

drivers off the road. These funds are made available to the city from Oregon Impact, who administers DUII grant funding in Oregon. For more information, contact the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515.

Florence Habitat continues bottle and can drive

Is your storage bring overtaken by empty bottles and cans? Help the environment while supporting the local Florence Habitat for Humanity. Florence Habitat will be hosting a bottle and

can drive Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. People can bring returnable bottles and cans to the front of Florence Habitat ReStore, 2016 Highway 101, in the Florence Grocery

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