



**EASTERN
OREGON
SUPPORT
SERVICES**

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2024 Annual Report

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

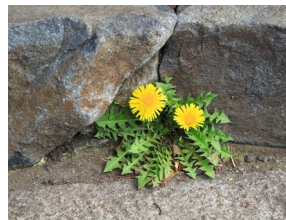
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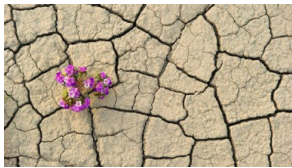
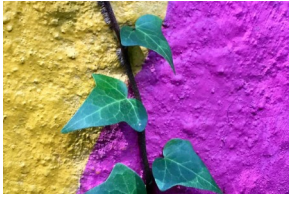
To create and support a world where all people are supported to be members of their communities and families; working and socializing within an integrated environment, and finding their own joy and place in life.



MISSION

Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage represents and supports people with disabilities in Eastern Oregon to find joy and their place in life, by working towards the same aspirations as all citizens and to achieve a lifestyle they find satisfying.





Principles of Self-Determination

Services of the Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage are based on the principles of self-determination:

Freedom: People will have the ability, along with freely chosen family and friends, to plan their own lives, with necessary support, rather than purchase a pre-package program.

Authority: People will have the ability to control a certain sum of dollars in order to purchase their supports.

Support and Autonomy: People will have the opportunity to arrange resources and personnel—both formal and informal—that will assist them to live a life in the community that is rich in social associations and contribution.

Responsibility: People will have the opportunity to accept a values role in their community through competitive employment, organization affiliation, spiritual development, general caring for others in the community, as well as accountability for spending public dollars in ways that are life enhancing.



Values

Dignity and respect: All people have an inherent right to be treated with dignity and to be respected as a whole person with regard to mind, body and spirit.

Relationships: It is essential to have a support network or circle of friends and family to provide strength and assistance. We are committed to helping people develop and maintain relationships.

Choice: People have the right to choose what they will do with their lives and with whom they spend time with.

Control: People have the power to make decisions and truly control their lives, including their finances. If services must be purchased, the people buying them, with assistance from friends and family, will determine what these services will be.

Dreaming: All people have dreams and aspirations which guide the actions that are most meaningful to them. We are committed to helping people determine their dreams, respecting those dreams, and helping to make them come true.

Contribution and Community: Everyone has the ability to contribute to their community in a meaningful way. Giving of ourselves helps us establish a sense of belonging.

Social Responsibility: We believe that if people have choice and control, they will show a responsibility to the social funds used to purchase services by accessing only the services needed to meet their needs, and spend money efficiently.

Governance: All stakeholders must participate in the governance of the system as true and equal partners.

Changing Roles: The role of the Personal Agent is about working for the individual they support and advocating for the whole life.

Whatever it Takes: Self-determination requires an attitude that nothing is impossible. Instead of saying “No,” we replace it with “How can this be done?”

Person Centered Planning: The consumer must be empowered or represented to direct the system through planning centered around them as an individual.

Independence: Brokerages should be independent of any entity that provides services or has multiple responsibilities so our focus remains on the individual without competing priorities.



History

In September 2000, a lawsuit brought against the State of Oregon was settled. In part, this lawsuit was responding to the fact that many adults with developmental disabilities were not receiving any needed supports and that available support dollars were often applied unevenly across the state. Commonly referred to as the Staley settlement, this agreement is changing how services for adults are planned and delivered. The Staley Agreement calls for “universal access” to Self-Directed Support Services for all adults with developmental disabilities who qualify for supports. In essence this creates an entitlement to support services for all eligible adults with developmental disabilities built upon the principles of self-determination. Access to these support services, through CMEs, is applied on an equitable, fair and uniform basis across the state regardless of what part of the state a person lives in. The first customers were enrolled into these emerging brokerages in the fall of 2001. A statewide plan was developed that assured access to these services across the state by 2005. While budgetary constraints prevented that from occurring on schedule, an estimated 8000 people are now served by brokerages, including 468 in the Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage with a maximum capacity of 480 individuals we could potentially serve.



Janice Pierce Photography

Lawsuit families make statements at a news conference. From left around table, litigants: Helen Healy, her mother Susan Schreppling, John Duggield, Molly Drummond, her mother Diann Drummond, Michael Bailey, Brena Flota (her daughter Brandie Evans behind her,) Karen Stahley and Jim Stahley

Organizational Structure

Membership: EOSSB is a not-for-profit membership organization. The membership consists of all individuals served and their families, as well as interested others from advocacy groups, service providers, interested community members, and case management entities. The membership has a majority of family members and self-advocates.

Board of Directors: The board of directors consists of 9 to 15 people, with at least a simple majority of families and self-advocates.

Local Alliances: Membership has the opportunity to work together to plan and develop local service delivery expansion, as well as to advise the board of directors through regular regional meetings. These Local Alliances are made up of members of the organization in the region, and just like the membership and the board of directors, they are comprised of a majority of families and self-advocates. Local alliances function to assist in the planning and development of local service delivery and capacity. Local alliances relate to the organization through Personal Agents from the regions and representation on the board of directors. The board of directors and the local alliances collaborate in the oversight and implementation of a quality assurance process. The membership, through its elected board of directors sets organization policy. The Executive Director is responsible for the hiring and supervision of staff and the day-to-day operation of the organization. The board of directors, in concert with the local alliances, reviews satisfaction data and other quality assurance measures and approve plans for continuous improvement of services. The board collaborates with its membership through the local alliances to plan and develop local service delivery expansion.

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Board President Report

Last year in our annual report I discussed aging and creating safety nets. That has never been more important than right now. Recently, my son, Rob’s, case manager, his sister, and I got together to enhance our emergency plan and what would occur if something should happen where I couldn’t care for Rob. Wouldn’t you know the very same week I ended up having emergency surgery. Discussing our plans prior to this event ensured that Rob’s support carried forth seamlessly with help from our family, his providers, and his Personal Agent. Rob’s sister and brother were able to step into my role of planning support with the necessary information. It’s critical that as caregivers and family members we plan for the unexpected as life tends to throw curve balls when least expected.

Our local alliances in the Mid-Columbia area have continued to thrive. The Gorge United Alliance recently put on a dance that they fully executed on their own with minimal support from EOSSB and others. They continue to meet monthly, and it’s been amazing to see self-advocates step into new roles such as Becky taking on a newsletter role. The Latino, Spanish speaking community has an alliance as well. Both alliances are planning a picnic in August at Sorosis Park. The Latino alliance is also hosting a Spanish speaking conference in November, in The Dalles with Spanish speaking presenters. To have two local alliances in our area where there once was none has been fantastic and has created additional opportunities to connect with and support each other.

EOSSB recharged our efforts around quality assurance outcomes and updated our annual survey that goes out to people at the end of their Individual Support Plan. We attempted to make the survey questions easier to understand and EOSSB instituted a quarterly prize drawing in addition to the annual prize drawing.

We strive to ensure our customers and our staff are well supported and we have prioritized staff over the last year by increasing retirement and insurance benefits to support our agency’s longevity by supporting ongoing excellence.



Our emergency preparedness work, in partnership with The Arc and ODDS, who funded our grant, is coming along. We have GO-bags going out to customers soon and staff are working with The Arc and Central Oregon Disability Support Network on emergency preparedness trainings. It’s been a great year with past endeavors that are continuing and new endeavors we are taking on. We continue to do good work and support people to be thriving members of their communities.

Board Members

Name	Representation	Term
Judy May	Family Member/President	2026
Daniel Tucker	Self Advocate/Vice President	2025
JulieKay Dudley, MSW	Family Member/Secretary Treasurer	2025
David Russell	Self Advocate	2026
Josephine Vowell	Family Member	2024
Emily Moe	Self Advocate	2024
Kristi Smalley	Family Member	2024
Lon Thornburg	Community Partner	2025
Corey Ackerman, YTP Teacher	Community Partner	2025
Nancy Fields	Community Member	2026
Sherri Croft	Family Member	2026

Board Activities

September 2023 – Annual Meeting

We held our Annual meeting on September 23rd, 2023, in LaGrande Oregon! Our meeting was very well attended with more than 130 attendees including people we support, PSW's, family, and staff. We rang in our new Board members, Nancy Fields, Sherri Croft, and Judy May as our President for this next 23-26 term. It was a fantastic meeting this year that included dancing, great food, Wicked Mary, and a photographer. We also had a coach provide transportation for people coming from the Mid-Columbia and Umatilla areas. Our decorations and fun factor were high. Michael Swanson's wife, Danielle, made table decorations celebrating Fall and Xochil brought table fidgets that were a huge highlight. Our annual committee crew designed person-centered bingo to help participants mingle and meet new people which was fun. Heather Collins was celebrated as our first ever Employee-of-the-Year, with an award, which has started a new tradition! Our annual meeting serves a dual purpose and is also a Board meeting where we discuss our annual report which is part of our quality assurance plan and data outlining consumer satisfaction with services. We report on client successes in our catchment area and our overall agency health.

October 2023 Board Meeting

Staff, customers, and board members shared good things happening in our region. EOSSB's current census is 468 people served in 13 Counties. We have capacity to serve 480 individuals. Since July 1st, 2023, we have enrolled 9 people and exited 10 people in the same period. ODDS has been working with case management entities statewide on the transition happening with the assessment we use to determine hours. This change in the assessment type will eventually eliminate the need for people to have 2 assessments. The new assessment we are transitioning to is referred to as the Oregon Needs Assessment and it determines Service Group Levels (SGL's) which tell someone the range of hours they are eligible to receive. The State currently has a maintenance of effort agreement (MOE) in place with the federal government that no reductions in hours will occur until the MOE ends in March 2025. This means that if a person's ONA has less hours than their previous assessment that we won't issue a reduction in hours until their plan renews in 2025. We revised our 23-24 Fiscal Year budget with a focus on staff retention and benefits.



March 2024 Board Meeting

Staff, customers, and board members shared good things happening in our region. Our current census is 466 people and since July 1st we have enrolled 19 people and exited 20 people. We have continued to receive our payments from the State on time and we have been tracking on the ARPA funds previously received and expenditures. Our staffing has been stable since our last Board meeting, and we recently hired a new staff member, Katie Swafford. She began on Feb 5th at half time with her work focused on ARPA funds received, emergency preparedness implementation, and supporting other ARPA related work. She will increase to full time in May and acquire a client case load. We are continuing to work with ODDS on the in-home hours transition and educating people we support on changes happening. We updated our Quality Assurance plan and reviewed action items from this.

June 2024 Board Meeting

Staff, customers, and board members shared good things happening in our region. Our current census is 468 people which ironically, was exactly where it was in July 2023. Since July 1st, 2023, we have enrolled 31 people and 27 people have exited. Our numbers fluctuate monthly based on the needs of the people we serve and that is reflected in entries and exits. We are about 10 months into the 23-24 Fiscal Year and have received our payments from ODDS on time. We are spending slightly more than received in the last few months, mostly due to increases in staff benefits. We recently had Abby Changar, our payroll/plan of care analyst depart our agency as she moved to Washington. In turn we hired Jennifer McCleary who started on May 28th, 2024. Other changes Kristi Avery is leaving our agency after more than 2 decades of supporting people in our agency. We are terribly saddened by her departure, but we wish her the very best in her endeavors.

Executive Director Report

2023/24 – Our Mission at Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage is to support people with disabilities in Eastern Oregon by helping them find joy and their place in life; working toward the same aspirations as all citizens and achieving a lifestyle they find satisfying. This is our guiding principle, and this last year has included many great accomplishments! We experience great joy in fostering growth, opportunity, and seeing people reach their individual goals. I am a big believer in something said by the Dalai Lama: “Our prime purpose in this life is to help others.”

Our agency thrives because we genuinely believe anything is possible if you put in enough work, build on your social capital, and celebrate successes. We have had an amazing year filled with growth and achievements.

In the last year EOSSB revamped our customer satisfaction survey to engage with more individuals and obtain their feedback on what’s important. We included members from our Board and over the course of a few months they worked to re-design questions making them easier to understand and created a new look. We also began doing regular raffles for people who returned their survey. When looking back at responses from our customer satisfaction surveys over the last year some of the comments that jump out include.

My Personal Agent keeps me up to date on what is offered
I feel safe where I live
I know how to make changes to my Individual Support Plan
I can call my PA or the ED if things aren’t working for me
I feel better knowing that I have EOSSB as my support
Thanks to the support of EOSSB I now have my own place
I have been with EOSSB for a long time, and I like it, and feel really happy

We have received a higher volume of surveys for our 23/24 fiscal year and have received 145 surveys back. It’s been good to see the positive effect our work has on people we support, and I am thankful to Melanie Tucker and our Board for undertaking this important work.

We updated our Quality Assurance plan this last year which is a requirement in our Oregon Administrative Rules. This plan reflects goals we have set and accomplished along the way. Many of our previous paper processes have been streamlined as we have gone mostly paperless over the last 6 years. It’s been rewarding to see our agency’s growth and the depth of involvement from our Board



and staff in this important work.

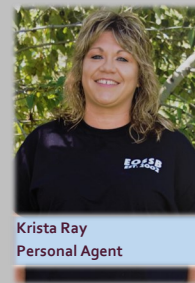
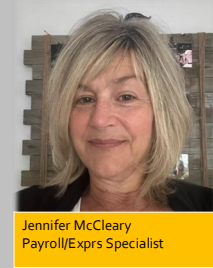
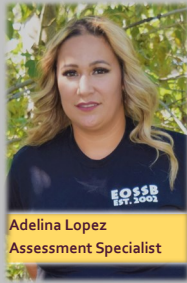
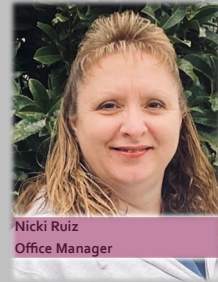
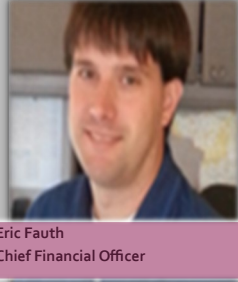
EOSSB recently underwent our 2-year licensing review which is conducted by the State of Oregon. They reviewed 23 files and an additional 9 files for Employment related components. Our review went very well, and we had 8 people interview directly with the State to give feedback about their supports.

EOSSB is dedicated to reducing staff turnover and our Board has supported us in this work. It’s extremely important to the people we serve and to the agency’s continuity that we have staff who feel supported and as a result they keep working for our agency. Relationships are key to our mission and to our overall success. However, with this said, there are times where a staff person needs to prioritize other equally important areas of their lives. On this note, we are saddened to part ways with Kristi Avery, who has been a staple of our agency since our inception in Feb. 2001. Kristi has led the way in the Self-Directed Support model for decades and began her work prior to 2001 with the old self-directed support program. She has supported many people on their individual journeys of success, has trained countless Personal Agents, and has been a phenomenal team member. Kristi is someone I not only deeply respect but look up to. We will miss her presence and are hopeful she will remain involved in the I/DD community. In addition to Kristi, Melanie Tucker is in transition of beginning a new adventure in Florida. She is moving but will still be working with our agency part time as we hire a replacement Associate Director. Melanie has been with EOSSB since 2015 and has worn many hats within our agency. Her energy for system development and quality assurance has been deeply appreciated. Melanie will still be available during this transition for the foreseeable future so it’s not goodbye just yet. Despite changes in staff, we remain committed to providing fantastic support to our staff, our Board, and our customers. Michael Swanson is stepping into the Lead role for Umatilla and has been with our agency for more than 11 years. We are continuing to make progress in our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work and our Emergency Preparedness work. We are actively working with the Arc of Oregon and the Central Oregon Disability Support Network on emergency preparedness training in our region. In addition to this we are in the process of distributing GO bags (emergency bags) to all customers of EOSSB.

We are excited to continue the work we have undertaken and wish everyone the best year!

~Laura

EOSSB STAFF



CLIENT STORIES

Irasema's Story



My name is Irasema Valdez, but you can call me Chema. I've been receiving services since 2013. During this last ISP year so much has changed, it's been a whirlwind to say the least. I would like to start with the first major change I've made; my mindset. I've always been identified as someone who has a disability and labeled that way since I was young. I woke up one morning and was talking with my PSW Ashley and decided that I am simply someone who needs more time for understanding information and have someone support me in understanding my emotions.

I found that sometimes I would use my "disability" label as an excuse for things in my life but with my PSW by my side, we say "no more." I sat down with my PSW Ashley and Personal Agent and told them what I wanted to do this year and we all figured out what my plan was going to look like moving forward. Since then, I've addressed my hormone disorder (PCOS) head on, changed my eating habits and focused on my dog, Bear. While taking Bear for a walk, or rather, most times it's Bear walking me, I've lost almost 60lbs and counting. As a result of my hard work and dedication, my confidence and self-worth has skyrocketed. Another very proud moment, is I now have paid employment through Desert Industries in Nampa, Idaho. It's hard work and I am tired when I get home but I AM DOING IT! With the support of both, Desert Industries and my job coach, I am doing what I love most, helping others in the community. I am continuing to live on my own in my apartment and choosing to live life on my terms and with just a little more time to understand information and emotional support, **I am no longer just living but thriving!**

CLIENT STORIES

SHAWNS' STORY

I am proud to introduce Shawn. This guy has been striving to overcome so much in the last couple of years! Shawn met with a new counselor, Kara at Tamarack; she showed Shawn that with good choices your life can change and become exactly what you want, and as a result he has been able to achieve all of this! Shawn had a goal to obtain an Oregon Drivers License and he did it! Shawn now has his driver's license. Then Shawn decided he also wanted his own car. He did that too! Shawn bought a used car with money that he saved from working in his community. Later he decided to sell that car after learning that it was quite an expensive car to own. All these choices Shawn made on his own and worked hard to achieve them.

Shawn had lived in the same apartment for many years and had problems with the owner not making repairs and increasing the rent. I shared with Shawn about the well-kept, low-income apartments in Baker City. They usually have a wait-list, but if he applied and was put on that list then he would be in line for it when it became available. So Shawn applied, and when an apartment became available he decided to move. Shawn really enjoys where he lives now and is happy he was able to make his own choices.



Shawn now has a new goal he wants to work on. He wants to take the necessary classes to obtain his GED.



"I just need the right mindset to start, otherwise I will not finish. I will as soon as I am ready". I have no doubt that Shawn will achieve this also; stay tuned!

CONGRATUALTIONS SHAWN! YOU ROCK!

~written by Pamela Roan, EOSSB Personal Agent

STORIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Mid-Columbia Local Alliance Dance

By: Becky Lund, EOSSB client and Local Alliance Media Editor

The Mid-Columbia Local Alliance had a dance at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. The dance was on June 29, 2024 from 6pm-8:30pm. The local alliance is a group of people with disabilities in the Columbia gorge area.

People with disabilities and community members were invited to come to the dance. The local alliance put the dance on. EOSSB staff, Board President Judy May, community members: Ed, Joyce and Rebecca were on the dance committee.

The theme was "A Night Under the Stars." People were wearing nice, formal clothes. The weather was nice and hot. We funded the dance by using our groups fundraising money and ARPA money.

We wanted a dance and the local alliance was talking about it, so everyone voted and agreed to host a dance.

The dance was extremely fantastic and everyone had a great time and the music was fantastic! Everyone on the dance floor was dancing and stayed the whole time. I just wanted to say a big thank-you to the local alliance for helping to put the dance on.



The space was decorated with balloon garlands and glow sticks. We had several businesses donate items for our dance. Safeway donated food and we had gift cards from Spooky's and Starbucks!

Everyone was invited!

Financial Report

Financial Report (audit pending)
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	Deviation	FY 24-25
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>from 23-24</u>	<u>Budget</u>
DD 148 Brokerage Operations	2,821,750	2,821,647	(103)	2,821,750
Interest/Investment Income	250	44,488	44,238	0
Misc Income (including ARPA Funds)	1,400	678	(722)	0
Total Revenue	2,823,400	2,866,813	43,413	2,821,750
<u>Expenses</u>				
Payroll Expenses (salaries)	1,535,059	1,492,712	(42,347)	1,518,504
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	681,145	752,862	71,717	858,040
Total Salaries and Expenses	2,216,204	2,245,574	29,370	2,376,544
Board/Volunteer Support	15,000	14,007	(993)	15,000
Dues and Subscriptions	15,000	16,838	1,838	17,500
Depreciation (equipment)	6,500	9,067	2,567	7,500
Insurance	23,500	24,310	810	23,500
Miscellaneous	15,000	19,937	4,937	15,000
Postage and Delivery	6,500	5,936	(564)	6,500
Professional Fees	125,000	77,676	(47,324)	115,000
Rent/Utilities	33,000	27,305	(5,695)	33,000
Telephone/Communications	40,000	50,093	10,093	50,000
Training - Staff	7,500	13,492	5,992	10,000
Travel	125,000	112,330	(12,670)	110,000
Office Supplies	75,000	35,550	(39,450)	40,000
Total Services and Supplies	487,000	406,541	(80,459)	443,000
Flex Fund & Misc. expenses	1,650	3,108	1,458	0
Total Other Expenses	1,650	3,108	1,458	0
Total Expenses	2,704,854	2,655,223	(49,631)	2,819,544
Net (Revenue- Expenses)	118,546	211,590	93,044	2,206



Customer Satisfaction Report



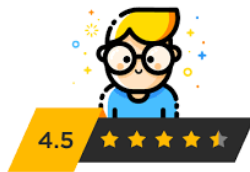
All customers receive a satisfaction survey with a stamped, self-addressed envelope on the anniversary of their plan year.

- * **51%** were completed by the client receiving services.
- * **39%** were completed by another individual with the perspective of the client on their behalf
- * **3%** were completed by the client's significant other with the perspective of the client on their behalf.

135 out of 443 surveys were returned for a rate of 31%

EOSSB Client Satisfaction Surveys: 1st Quarter

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| <p>1. Do you know all the things that EOSSB services can do for you?</p> | <p>1. Yes (70%) Not Sure (25.5%) No (4.5%)</p> |
| <p>2. I feel that people in EOSSB who support me, listen to me.</p> | <p>2. All the time (89%) Sometimes (11%) Not at all (0%)</p> |
| <p>3. My plan says what I want it to say.</p> | <p>3. Yes (93%) Not Sure (7%) No (0%)</p> |
| <p>4. I am happy with the supports and services I get.</p> | <p>4. Very Happy (96%) They're ok (4%) Not Happy (0%)</p> |
| <p>5. The support and services I received are helping me to get what I want, and reach my goals.</p> | <p>5. Yes (89%) Not Sure (9%) No (2%)</p> |
| <p>6. Are there supports and services that you need and don't get?</p> | <p>6. Yes (11%) Not Sure (27%) No (62%)</p> |
| <p>7. Do you feel safe?</p> | <p>7. All the time (89%) Most of the time (2%)
Not Really (9%)</p> |
| <p>8. When I want to make changes, people support me.</p> | <p>8. PA-Yes (100%) No (0%) Sometimes (0%)
Support Staff-Yes (96%) No (2%) Sometimes (2%)
Family-Yes (89%) No (4%) Sometimes (7%)
Friends-Yes (82.5%) No (5%) Sometimes (12.5%)
Others-Yes (64%) No (12%) Sometimes (24%)</p> |
| <p>9. I know what to do when I have a disagreement with EOSSB or a staff person.</p> | <p>9. Yes (87%) Not Sure (11%) No (2%)</p> |
| <p>10. I feel better about my life situation because of the supports and services I get from EOSSB.</p> | <p>10. A Lot Better (98%) A Little Better (2%) No Better (0%)</p> |
| <p>11. People in my life support me with reaching my life choices.</p> | <p>11. PA-Yes (100%) No (0%) Sometimes (0%)
Support Staff-Yes (91%) No (4.5%) Sometimes (4.5%)
Family-Yes (89%) No (4%) Sometimes (7%)
Friends-Yes (92%) No (3%) Sometimes (5%)
Others-Yes (85%) No (7.5%) Sometimes (7.5%)</p> |



12. I am happy with my life.

12. All the Time (72%) Most of the Time (26%) Not Really (2%)

13. Are you satisfied with where you live?

13. Very Happy (87%) It's Ok (9%) Not Happy (4%)

EOSSB Client Satisfaction Surveys: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarters

1. In this last year, have you talked with your Personal Agent about the services that are available to you?

1. Yes (99%) No (1%)

2. Does the support you receive match your Individual Support Plan/Plan of care?

2. Yes (100%) No (0%)

3. I feel people support me, listen to me, and honor my choices.

3. PA-Always (94%) Sometimes (4.5%) No (1.5%)
Providers-Always (89) Sometimes (11%) No (0%)
Family-Always (83%) Sometimes (15%) No (2%)
Friends-Always (76%) Sometimes (20%) No (4%)

4. I feel that I have a choice about when & where we have meetings and who is invited.

4. Always (87%) Sometimes (10%) No (3%)

5. Do the supports you receive help you reach your goals?

5. Yes (100%) No (0%)

6. Do you receive help and support when you want to make changes in your life?

6. PA-Always (96%) Sometimes (3%) No (1%)
Providers-Always (94%) Sometimes (6%) No (0%)
Family-Always (85%) Sometimes (12%) No (3%)
Friends-Always (76%) Sometimes (20%) No (4%)

7. Is there anywhere you don't feel safe?

7. Yes (14%) No (86%)

8. Are you happy with where you are living?

8. Yes (95%) No (5%)

9. Do you know how to file a complaint with EOSSB?

9. Yes (77%) No (23%)

10. Did you have a complaint this year, that you contacted EOSSB about?

10. Yes (11%) No (89%)

11. Are you happy with EOSSB as your case management agency?

11. Always (92%) Sometimes (8%) No (0%)

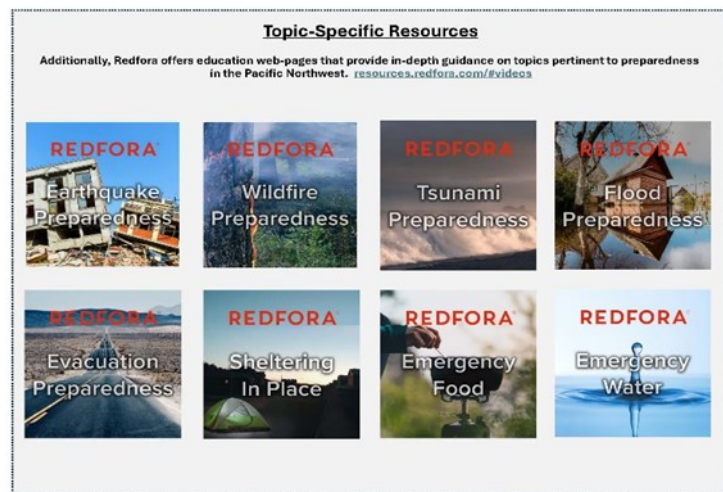


Emergency Preparedness ARPA grant

EOSSB received an Emergency Preparedness ARPA Grant from the State of Oregon. EOSSB is using these funds to purchase emergency Go-bags for all current clients in EOSSB services. The first half of grant funding was received in April 2024 with that needing to be used by June 2024. The second half of funding of emergency preparedness ARPA grant funds must be used by March 2025.

EOSSB is using these funds to purchase emergency Go-bags for all current clients in EOSSB services. An emergency Go-bag is a collection of essential supplies that can help keep you safe and healthy if you need to evacuate your home or workplace in an emergency. The Red Cross and FEMA recommend that everyone have a Go-bag ready in case of natural disasters or other emergencies. All bags will have the same contents FIRST AID + HYGIENE, FOOD + WATER, TOOLS, LIGHT + COMMUNICATION,

SHELTER + WARMTH and are available as a roller bag or backpack. Umatilla, Morrow and Wallowa counties have begun the ordering process with all other counties completing the process for ordering Go-bags by July 2024.



1 Person, 7 Day Kit - Backpack

KIT CONTENTS:

BAG

- Red Backpack

FIRST AID + HYGIENE

- First-Aid Kit
- Hygiene Kit
- Pocket Tissue Pack (2)
- Waste Bag (2)

FOOD + WATER

- 3600 cal. Food Bar (2)
- Water Pouch (12)
- Water Purification Tablets (10)
- 2.5-gal Water Carrier

TOOLS

- Pencil
- Note Pad
- 5-in-1 Whistle
- 50 ft. Nylon Rope
- Multi-Function Tool
- Safety Glasses
- Sewing Kit
- Work Gloves
- N95 Masks (3)

*Occasionally, a specification shown may be swapped with a similar or higher quality item.

LIGHT + COMMUNICATION

- 30-Hour Candles
- 12-hour Bright Stick
- Hand-Crank + Solar Powered NOAA Radio/Flashlight/Phone Charger

SHELTER + WARMTH

- Emergency Poncho
- Mylar Sleeping Bag
- Tube Tent
- Hand / Body Warmer

ADD ON ITEMS

- Personal Water Filter Straws (2)
- Emergency Crush Light
- Solar Charger + Light
- 40-Hands Variety Pack - Includes 13 packs
- 400-cal. M&M's® food bars in various flavors (7)



We are ordering supplies through Red Fora www.redfora.com. They provide

Go-bags and online emergency preparedness education. We are also collaborating with The ARC for additional emergency preparedness training with a focus on the I/DD community.