



## YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A DHS COMMUNITY FORUM

### Help develop the Oregon Department of Human Services 2009-2011 budget

Every day in Oregon the Oregon Department of Human Services is there to help. Now we need your ideas about how to best prioritize and deliver the services your community receives — services that touch the lives of all Oregonians.

DHS, through the programs it operates and the funding it provides to local partners, makes it possible for more seniors and individuals with disabilities to live independently and provides assistance for those who cannot ... offers counseling and drug treatment for parents to help keep families together ... delivers local mental health services ... provides pre-natal care ... screens newborns for health problems ... provides vocational assistance to individuals with physical and developmental disabilities ... dispenses emergency food stamps so no family has to go hungry ... tests public water systems and monitors food handlers throughout Oregon ... and finds emergency foster homes for children in need of a safe haven.

This spring, in a series of meetings across the state, DHS will host community forums to gather input from local stakeholders and families about how to best shape the agency's 2009-2011 agenda and budget so that the services listed above can be delivered in a manner that best meets each community's priorities and needs. We invite you to be part of that discussion.

### Participate in one of seven upcoming public meetings

Seven community forums are being held throughout Oregon. You are invited to attend any of the following events.

- **Eugene, Wednesday, April 23, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Lane Community College Center for Meeting and Learning  
4000 E. 30th Avenue, Building 19

- **Medford, Thursday, April 24, 9 a.m. - noon**

Red Lion Hotel  
200 N. Riverside Avenue



■ **Portland, Wednesday, April 30, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Oregon Convention Center  
777 N.E. Martin Luther King Boulevard

■ **Salem, Tuesday, May 6, 9 a.m. - noon**

State Fairgrounds and Exposition Center, Cascade Hall McKenzie Room  
2330 17th Street N.E.

■ **Lincoln City, Wednesday, May 7, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Surftides Inn and Conference Center  
2945 N.W. Jetty Avenue

■ **Eastern Oregon interactive teleconference, Thursday, May 8, 10 a.m. - noon  
Baker City, Burns, Hermiston, John Day, La Grande, Ontario and Pendleton**

Participants may attend the event at any of the following locations:

- Baker City DHS Office  
3165 10th Street
- Burns DHS Office  
809 W. Jackson
- Hermiston DHS Office  
950 SE Columbia
- John Day DHS Office  
725 W. Main Street, #A
- La Grande DHS Office  
1607 Gekeler Avenue
- Ontario DHS Office  
186 E. Lane, Suite 2
- Pendleton DHS Office  
1555 Southgate Place

■ **Bend, Wednesday, May 14, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Bend DHS Office  
1300 N.W. Wall Street

### **Follow the budget development process**

DHS will post on its Web site comments offered at these community forums as well as updated information about the agency's requested budget during the months ahead. You may follow this process at [www.oregon.gov/dhs](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs). If you are unable to attend one of these forums, you may send questions and comments to DHS at [dhs.budget-input@state.or.us](mailto:dhs.budget-input@state.or.us) or mail them to Oregon Department of Human Services, Director's Office, 500 Summer Street NE (E-15), Salem, OR 97301.