

Contact Information (Continued from inside)

Disability Services

Inquiries about services for persons under the age of 65 with disabilities may be addressed to:

Albany Office

1400 Queen Avenue SE, Suite 103
Albany, OR 97322
541-928-3636 Voice
541-928-3670 TTY
888-533-2233 Toll Free

Toledo Office

203 N Main Street
Toledo, OR 97391
541-336-2289 Main
800-354-1095 or 800-282-6194
541-336-8103 TTY

Veterans and Disability Services

Inquiries about services for persons under the age of 65 with disabilities or veterans, their dependents or their survivors may be addressed to:

Corvallis Office

301 SW 4th Street, Suite 140
Corvallis, OR 97333
541-758-1595 Main
541-758-3126 TTY



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Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments



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... to the Cascades.



Innovation: What Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments is All About.

Whether helping a business find appropriate capital, helping seniors and persons with disabilities plan for independent living, or coordinating local highway improvement priorities, Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) offers innovative approaches to the services that we offer to local governments and residents of Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties.

OCWCOG currently maintains fully staffed Senior Services, Disability Services, Community Development, and Technology Services programs. These programs can best be thought of as special departments of OCWCOG's member governments. Working together through OCWCOG, local governments are able to provide services to their constituents at a lower cost, or services which otherwise would not be offered locally.

Members may provide any service through the OCWCOG that they may legally provide on their own. Consequently, services may be added or discontinued as needs, conditions or resources change.

OCWCOG was formed in 1970. It is a voluntary association of governments in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn counties. Legally, it is an ORS 190 government entity and includes the three county governments, 20 city governments, the ports of Newport and Toledo, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Senior Services

SENIOR SERVICES' primary goal is to help senior citizens preserve an independent lifestyle and enable them to live in community settings rather than institutional care.

This goal is important to seniors and their families. It is also a financially sound goal, as institutional care can cost \$45,000 or more per year. Providing services to a senior in his or her home, or in an adult foster home is a humane approach which costs only \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year.

The Senior Services program is a broker of services. By integrating a number of essential services, it helps individuals and families who need physical, emotional or financial support sustain a dignified, independent life. Through outreach and information and referral programs, Senior Services also ensures that the people who need assistance receive it.

Senior Services programs include:

- **CASE MANAGEMENT**—Case managers provide ongoing assessment, counseling and service planning for seniors in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. Staff also support local mental health departments with pre-admission screening for individuals at risk in the community.
- **INCOME AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**—Basic income and medical assistance are provided to qualified individuals through programs such as the Oregon Health Plan, Food Stamps and Medicaid.
- **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**—Each year, staff members help hundreds of seniors who experience abuse, neglect, exploitation or hazardous living.
- **SENIOR MEALS**—Over 200,000 meals are provided to our seniors living in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties each year.
- **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**—Workers at our Albany and Toledo offices help over 9,000 callers
- **ADVOCACY**—The Senior Services Advisory Council provides a “gateway” to the senior community for the OCWCOG's Board of Directors, the governor, the State Legislature, and our members of Congress.

Community Development

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT provides a variety of services to local governments and other community development entities:

- **COMMUNITY FACILITY DEVELOPMENT:** Helping communities solve water and sewer problems and construct community facilities by providing financial packaging advice, preparing grant and loan applications, and assisting with construction management.
- **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT:** For more than two decades, communities in this region have collaborated to improve roads and other vital transportation facilities. Community Development supports the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT); Cascades West RideLine (a brokerage for special needs transportation); a regional carpool/vanpool program; and the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- **BUSINESS LENDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The Department helps businesses obtain financing for start-up and expansion, has several loan funds, and also provides access to federal and state business assistance programs. It also supports local and regional economic development efforts, including the Benton Lane Lincoln and Linn (BL3) Regional Investment Program.
- **PLANNING:** Helping communities with land-use, transportation, facilities and services planning by providing a wide range of services from visioning and goal setting to research, scenario development, alternatives analysis, and public involvement.
- **INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION:** Over the years the department helped those communities discuss and address a variety of regional and multi-jurisdictional issues. In addition to economic development and transportation issues, it has worked in the areas of regional housing/jobs balance, criminal justice and law enforcement, and natural hazard mitigation and emergency planning.

Technology Services

THE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT provides comprehensive, agency-wide Information Technology (IT) management. Services include network implementation, software and Web site development, computer and phone maintenance, consulting, and project management for OCWCOG departments and by contract to other agencies.

- **PROACTIVE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT:** Technology Services monitors and reports on technology trends to both internal forums and in quarterly meetings with regional IT staff. Using a video conferencing system designed and maintained by the department, OCWCOG staff and other agencies on the coast can fully participate in these discussions.
- **TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL COMMUNITIES:** Technology Services also extends its networking expertise to smaller communities that cannot afford the high cost of network support. Through Cascades West Technology Institute (www.ocwtech.org), Technology Services provides custom training programs for network management and certification.
- **NATIONAL INITIATIVES:** On a national level, software developed in Technology Services aids in advocacy with its First Advocate Web-based application (www.firstadvocate.org). In addition, to help with scheduling and organizing small conferences and retreats, Technology Services provides a Web-based meeting management application, First Conferee (www.firstconferee.org), which is used by Oregon State University and others.

Veterans Services

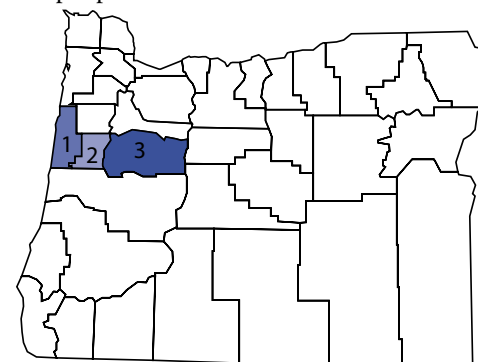
BENTON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES helps veterans, their dependents, and their survivors apply for benefits from both the U.S. and the State of Oregon Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA). It also acts as an advocate for those who apply. Services include helping applicants complete forms for disability pensions, education benefits, VA home loans, and help with claims appeals.

Disability Services

DISABILITY SERVICES promotes dignity, choice, independence, and individual well-being among persons aged 18 to 64 years of age. People with disabilities who experience a long term physical disability may be eligible for a range of care options through the Medicaid-funded long term care system in Oregon. Disability Services offers assistance that enables clients to lead fulfilling, independent lives:

- Program Advisors and Case Managers work with those in need to determine eligibility, provide consultation, and assist in the development of a plan of care.
- Disability Services offers basic income and medical assistance to qualified individuals through programs such as the Oregon Health Plan, Food Stamps and Medicaid.
- For qualified individuals with disabilities, Disability Services provides long term care services. These services range from in-home attendant care, assisted living, residential care, adult foster care and nursing home care.

Disability Services staff offer adult protective services investigations to help in providing a safe community environment for people with disabilities. The Disability Services Advisory Council provides a citizen-oriented forum for advocacy and public education regarding issues that are important to people with disabilities.



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Community and Economic Development Services

Inquiries about community and economic development assistance may be addressed to:

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541-967-8551 Reception

Technology Services

541-924-8445
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