



OCEBHA
Oregon Center of Excellence
for Behavioral Health & Aging

PURPOSE & MISSION

OCEBHA supports the behavioral health of older adults in Oregon by growing and nourishing the network of aging and behavioral health care partners.

Accomplishments

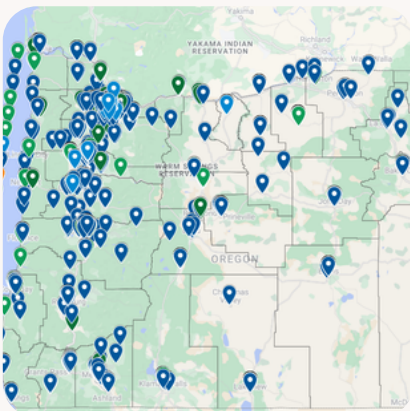
Leadership

- **National Advisory Board:** Convene quarterly with 15 national leaders in geropsychology, substance use, problem gambling, workforce, brain health, and healthcare to support OCEBHA's work to meet the unique behavioral health needs of older adults.
- **Local Steering Committee:** Convene quarterly with 22 diverse leaders in older adult behavioral health to guide OCEBHA's work to serve older Oregon's with behavioral health needs.
- **Grants:** Awarded a \$1.25 million, 3 year grant from the US Administration on Community Living to build a statewide chronic disease self-management education program, and a \$20,000 grant from the Oregon Problem Gambling Council to identify gaps in Oregon's higher education curriculum



Workforce Training & Education

- **Conference:** Host an annual two-day Behavioral Health & Aging Conferences across Oregon connecting over 250 yearly attendees with leaders in multidisciplinary aging fields.
- **Leadership Academy:** Host a yearly Leadership Academy of 20 professionals working at the intersection of aging and behavioral health across Oregon to become leaders in behavioral health and aging through targeted workshops.
- **Training Resource Hub:** Developed and maintain a database of behavioral health training resources on ocebha.org
- **Webinars:** Host monthly clinical webinars for ~50 attendees on topics like the 4Ms, psychopharmacology, ethics, resilience, and preventing firearm injuries.



Community Services & Engagement

- **Asset map:** Develop and maintain an [Asset Map](#) of ~100 statewide services in healthcare, supportive care, social, emergency & community services, education, research, advocacy to connect older adults, care partners, and professionals to vital community resources
- **Community Partner Database:** Connect with community partners on the work of OCEBHA; developed and maintained a growing database of OCEBHA partners.
- **[Behavioral Health & Aging Workforce Readiness Tool](#):** developed the tool and pilot with local/rural partners.

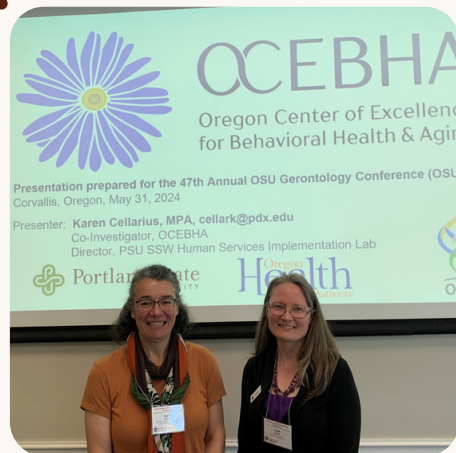


Equity & Evaluation

- **Equity Framework:** Developed an [Equity Framework](#) to inform the work of OCEBHA by assessing and developing awareness of systemic and interpersonal inequities.
- **Center Evaluation:** Develop a variety of tools to track and assess the accomplishments of OCEBHA.
- **Conference Evaluation:** Design and conduct yearly comprehensive evaluation of yearly conference efficacy using a post-conference survey and small group discussions.

Digital Outreach

- **Website:** Create and maintain ocebha.org to engage, inform, and connect with a diverse audience of older adults, the workforce, and researchers interested in behavioral health and aging.
- **Social Media:** Build brand recognition across [LinkedIn](#) & [Instagram](#), connecting over 700 followers with workforce education opportunities, events, and OCEBHA offerings.
- **Research Newsletters:** Publish quarterly OABH [research newsletters](#) and monthly actionable research newsletter reaching over 200 subscribers from across the professional spectrum.



Presenting & Connecting

- OCEBHA team members regularly present on OCEBHA's development, workforce education, and evaluation frameworks at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting; the annual Oregon State University Gerontology Conference; the American Evaluation Association Conference; and the quarterly Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities meeting.

What's Next for OCEBHA?

As OCEBHA continues to develop as a center, we envision it will:

1. Be nationally recognized for community-engaged behavioral health and aging research through activities such as developing and supporting a peer and lived experience research advisory group; conducting and publishing OCEBHA-led research; and forming a research collaborative.
2. Serve as a resource for policy, innovation and systems change by hosting policy discussions and forums; developing and disseminating policy recommendations; promoting accreditation and minimum standards for professions in behavioral health and aging services; and providing technical assistance and tools.
3. Serve as a "backbone" organization for partners and community-based organizations by engaging partners from marginalized communities; creating learning opportunities; promoting memorandums of understanding (MOUs) among partners to breakdown silos between behavioral health and aging systems.
4. Increase knowledge and skills of partners in care through hosting conferences and other learning events; building the pool of resources necessary to connect others to training opportunities, and enhancing financial and other resources to support training efforts across Oregon.
5. Cultivating the financial resources to ensure long-term sustainability of OCEBHA to develop Oregon's behavioral health workforce and ensure all older adults receive appropriate behavioral health services.