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# *A Brief History*

## *Oregon's Public Social Work School*

- Established by the Legislature (HB 1750, 1961)
- PSU Alumni Represent over half of Oregon's Social Work Workforce
- "Changing lives, changing communities"





# Our Students

## ENROLLMENT:

OVER 1,300 STUDENTS (BSW, CYFS, MSW, PHD)

430 Degrees Awarded (2021-22)

51.5% BIPOC Students

280,000 hours annually of  
service/accreditation required  
internship and community  
engagement to Oregon





# ***The Problem***

**Oregon needs to grow and support the Behavioral Health Workforce**

**Implementation of BM 110 and the behavioral health needs of our citizens requires a response.**

**There is a clear need for additional behavioral health providers in the State who have advanced training and eligible as Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC)**





# Outcomes

- Increase state wide admissions
- Increase student supports (scholarships, internships, etc)
- Emphasis on advanced training on mental health and substance use disorder
- Increase the number of faculty with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment expertise
- Self Sustaining After 5 years





# *Why PSU?*

## *We are the behavioral health workforce*

Only public Statewide School of Social Work

Largest educator of Social Workers

Existing state mandate

Statewide partnerships

Workforce diversification

Substance Use Disorder Coursework

History and experience

Online program

Future Ready CPL Grant





# *Thank you Questions?*



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