



Oregon's health care workforce needs your support

Support

SB 531

The OWP is a Mental Health Counseling Program Serving:

All of Oregon's **142,000** Licensed Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Nurses (RN, CNA, LPN), Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Therapists, Acupuncturists and Physician Associates





High levels of burnout, depression, and anxiety are leading much **higher suicide** rates for **health care clinicians** compared to **non-health care** workers nationwide **according to JAMA**



Since 2017, the **Oregon** Wellness Program (OWP) has provided health care workers access to a team of specially trained and licensed mental health professionals, within 72 hours of first contact



For the first time, the number of sessions allotted to qualified recipients has been cut due to funding constraints which has reduced utilization. The OWP is asking for **\$1.6M in biennial state funding**.

"Since the pandemic, it became clear to me that if I wanted to continue to provide care and remain in the dwindling healthcare workforce, I needed an outlet to cope with all the suffering we witness on a daily basis. The OWP provided anonymity which gave me the confidence to share freely. Within 24 hours of reaching out, I was scheduled with a therapist. Without OWP, I'd still be suffering in silence."

Internal Medicine Doctor at an Oregon Hospital

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