

2026 Oregon Peer Workforce Conference Agenda

Day 1

Thursday, August 20

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration Check-in & Continental Breakfast				
9:00am - 9:30am	Welcome / Opening Ceremony — Exhibitor Hall				
9:30am - 10:50am	Keynote Speaker: “Where You Belong: The Radical Power of Being Seen, Heard, and Held in Community” - Elliott Hinkle — Exhibitor Hall				
10:50am - 11:00am	Break				
11:00am - 11:50am	The Voice You Leave Behind	Sex, Screens, Sugar and Substances: The Hidden Addictions	More Will Be Revealed	The Power of Us: Empowering Leadership that Builds Belonging in Peer Work	Civic Engagement: Why Your Story Matters
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5	Room 7
11:50am - 12:50pm	Lunch — Exhibitor Hall				
12:55pm - 2:00pm	Comedic Keynote: “Unshakeable Resilience” - Rory Gardiner — Exhibitor Hall				
2:00pm - 2:10pm	Break				
2:10pm - 2:40pm	Group Activity: “Connecting Peer Support Specialty Types” - Cheristy Anderson, Ashley Collier, Randy Ripka, and Kati Jokinen — Exhibitor Hall				
2:45pm - 3:35pm	Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Suicide Prevention	Becoming a Healing Organization: The Power of Connection, Belonging, and Peer Support	Collaborative Strategies for Peers and Law Enforcement	Supervision as an Act of Prevention: Ethics for Behavioral Health Supervisors	EcoRECOVERY - Reimagining Recovery Through Nature (Part 1)
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5	Room 7
3:35pm - 3:45pm	Break				
3:45pm - 4:35pm	“Working Together in Clinical Settings” - Rebal Lemon & Lydia Judd — Exhibitor Hall				
4:35pm - 5:15pm	Appetizers & Social Networking — Exhibitor Hall				
7:00pm - 9:00pm	No-Host Dinner & Live Music @ The Great Pacific Restaurant				

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Exhibits open 8:00-4:35 Thursday



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Day 2

Friday, August 21

7:00am - 7:45am	Activity: Walk Along the River - Roxanne Hoyt — Meet in Lobby				
8:00am - 9:00am	Continental Breakfast — Exhibitor Hall				
9:10am - 10:10am	Virtual Keynote: “What We Lived Through - What We Can Build” - Tyrome Lauderville — Exhibitor Hall				
10:10am - 10:20am	Break				
10:20am - 11:40am	Youth Panel: “From Lived Experiences to System Change: Youth Leading the Way” - Wes Rivers, Ashlie Kangas, and Maddie Dunn — Exhibitor Hall				
11:40am - 12:40pm	Lunch — Exhibitor Hall				
12:40pm - 1:30pm	Supervising Peers in Integrated Teams	Bringing Culture Into Peer Work: The Vision & Values of Painted Horse Recovery	Serving Then, Serving Now: My Journey, The Impacts of PTSD, and Workplace/Community Support for Veterans		The Power of 8: Peer Wellness & Self-Care
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3		Room 7
1:30pm - 1:40pm	Break				
1:40pm - 2:30pm	Growing Peer Leaders: Building Leadership Pathways from Onboarding to Advancement	Root Causes, Real Impact: Navigating Trauma-Driven Behavior in the Field	Experience EcoRECOVERY (Part 2)	Living in a Bilingual & Bicultural Household: How Language, Culture, and Family Shape Identity, Communication, and Recovery	The Power of Us, Plus One: How Peer Support Specialists Can Partner with AI to Show Up More Fully for the People We Serve
	Room 1	Room 2	Meet in Lobby	Room 5	Room 7
2:30pm - 2:40pm	Break				
2:40pm - 3:30pm	From Crisis to Connection: Helping Parents Understand Behavior, Build Regulation, and Strengthen Relationships	Foundations of Cultural Understanding in the Communities We Serve		Self-Care for Peer Workers: Sustaining Yourself While Supporting Others	Frontier Veggie Rx and HRSN Nutrition Benefit-Availability and Overview of Programs
	Room 1	Room 2		Room 5	Room 7
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Closing Statements / Ceremony — Exhibitor Hall				

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