

Date: October 10, 2025



FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Nurse Workforce

Nurse Well-Being Impacts: Policy changes and political news have weighed heavily on nurses' mental health, with many huddlers expressing frustration, confusion, and worry about the broader climate; concerns included immigration status, perceptions of state leadership, and government shutdown. Some noted that today's environment feels similar to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, prompting calls for nurse-led interventions and community supports.

Tribal Summit Reflections: OSBN Director Rachel Prusak reported from the government-to[1]government Tribal Summit with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, noting history, consultation responsibilities, and concern about cultural erasure, while highlighting tribal liaison roles across agencies

Nurse Education

National Academies Workshop: On October 14, there will be [an all-day workshop](#) on advancing diagnostic excellence in rural areas.

Resources

OCN Newsletter: The latest OCN newsletter is out. if you didn't receive it email us at outreach@oregoncenterfornursing.org to be added to the list.

World Mental Health Day: This day is recognized by the World Health Organization with a 2025 focus on "[Mental health in humanitarian emergencies](#)," urging coordinated, evidence and community-based mental health support for affected individuals.

KFF's Health Policy 101: KFF's [Health Policy 101 site](#) offers a overview of national health policy topics and recent changes that may affect care and coverage.

Protect Your Family Toolkit: The Latino Network and Oregon Law Center has compiled an [essential guide](#) to assist in creating a family plan for unexpected circumstances, such as a detention or removal by ICE or federal agents.

SHIP Collaborative Information Session: OHA is [seeking volunteers](#) for the State Health Improvement Plan to support statewide public health efforts, with two October 23 information sessions. More context into SHIP can be found here: [OHA SHIP Steering presentation](#).

Value of Nursing: A recent [report](#) introduces the Nursing Human Capital Value Model with steps for ROI measurement, reinvestment, payment reform, and equity.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, October 17th, at 8:00 a.m.

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