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# 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-government Tribal Summit with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, noting history, consultation responsibilities, and concern about cultural erasure, while urging focus on dialogue over agitators and 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](mailto: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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