

Helping people get what they need

It can be overwhelming for families in need to figure out what programs and benefits are available to them. Oregonhelps.org is a simple, web-based tool individuals and families can use to find out what assistance they may be eligible for.

In about fifteen minutes and with a few simple clicks, consumers can find out if they're likely to qualify for:

- Food Stamps/SNAP Program
- Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- Free and Reduced-Price School Lunches
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Oregon Health Plan
- Employment Related Day Care (ERDC)
- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Housing Assistance
- Federal and State Tax Credits
- Social Security Disability Insurance
- Senior Drug Program
- Medicare and Medicare Savings Programs

Benefits

Increased Access: Oregonhelps.org increases access to food stamps and other social service programs. When families know what programs they may be eligible for and know where to go, they're more likely to apply. Information is especially important in Oregon's rural communities where transportation or distance to services is an issue.

Privacy = Dignity: People are able to learn about their eligibility via the web at local libraries, non-profit agencies, at a friend's house, or at home.

Helping Agencies: Funding for information and referral services at the local level can be inconsistent and sometimes nonexistent. The emergency food network and community action agencies benefit from a dependable outreach tool.



Site Specs

Oregonhelps.org is user-friendly and has served over 320,000 consumers since its on-line inception in June 2002. Half of OregonHelps! users access the site from their home computer. Consumers can also access the site at any community organization with computers and free Internet access—schools, libraries, and social service agencies. The web site is multilingual; available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, and English. Eventually, oregonhelps.org may be expanded to include online applications for specific programs.

Who We Are

OregonHelps! is a non-profit corporation registered by the State of Oregon. Our operations are governed by a Board of Directors, which includes former consumers, advocates, and working professionals. Our organization is funded through government fees and foundation grants, so we're able to provide our service free to consumers.

Our Partners

The following organizations and government entities contributed to the development of the OregonHelps! website:

- Multnomah County
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Oregon Housing and Community Services Department
- Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force
- Community Action Directors of Oregon