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CNA HUDDLE

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

DATE: March 1, 2023

CNA Workforce:

Nurse Well-Being Grant Re-Opening for LTC: OCN is re-opening the nurse well-being grant program for long-term care facilities. OCN is currently revising the application and technical assistance processes. The revised grant application will be available soon. Please contact [Dawne Schoenthal](#) if you would like to be notified about the new launch date.

CNA Workforce Information: Huddlers were asked where they currently receive information about the CNA workforce. Huddlers said OSBN's Sentinel and OCHA's newsletter were their primary source of information. Other mentioned social media, OCN's huddle summaries, and ODHS's provider alerts as other sources of information about the CNA workforce.

Employers Supporting Employee's Well-Being: Employers were asked about the things they are doing to support the emotional and physical well-being of their employees. ODHS staff mentioned their work with Washington state to develop a toolkit to address communication, retention, and well-being with a focus on mental/behavioral health. OCN has also released a [toolkit](#) with an aim to provide resources to employers on how to address and help with staff's well-being. ODHS also mentioned the publication of a [report](#) highlighting the experiences of direct care staff in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Retention is Improving: One huddler mentioned their retention of nursing staff is improving. This is because they were able to recently hire additional staff. They also said morale among existing staff is improving as well, and the recent new hires and increasing retention are helping.

Announcements:

Nurse Staffing Bill: A hearing on HB-2697 was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. This bill modifies the existing hospital nurse staffing committees, creates a staffing committee for home health agencies and introduces minimum staffing requirements for hospitals. The hearing was held by the [House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care](#).

Non-Certified Nursing Assistants Bill: A federal [bill](#) was recently introduced that would allow non-certified nursing assistant to practice in nursing facilities for up to two years.

2022 Gen-Z/Millennial Survey: Deloitte released their [2022 Gen-Z/Millennial Survey](#) last year. They survey delves into issue facing the younger generation on their workplaces and world around them.

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