

Strategic Healthcare Investment for Transformation (SHIFT)

Advancing behavioral health in Oregon



CareOregon's **Strategic Healthcare Investment for Transformation (SHIFT)** program is a new investment in transforming behavioral health organizations across Oregon so that people with behavioral health needs are truly at the center of care delivery, and care teams thrive. Through a collaborative process, SHIFT will build member-driven, outcomes-focused, team-based care models that reduce health disparities, assure timely access to care and prepare providers for advanced value-based payment models.

Why now?

CareOregon is committed to a vision where members in each of its regions have access to a high-performing behavioral health home. After decades of systemic underinvestment in behavioral health at the local, state and federal levels that have resulted in the significant capacity challenges and health inequities seen today, we are entering a new phase of opportunity for transforming behavioral health. New and significant financial investments are being made to shore up specialty behavioral health services, and we must capitalize on this opportunity to reimagine and transform the practice of care delivery.

SHIFT components

The SHIFT program will support clinical, financial and operational transformation of outpatient behavioral health agencies by:

- Defining the principles and operational components (“Building Blocks”) of excellent outpatient behavioral health care, in collaboration with community stakeholders.
- Engaging six to eight diverse behavioral health organizations to implement the Building Blocks and providing them with intensive technical and financial resources to learn what works and accomplish the program’s aims.
- Depending on the success of earlier stages, refining and spreading reach of the program to additional behavioral health organization across CareOregon’s networks.

What’s next?

In August, we opened the application process for the first SHIFT cohort. CareOregon has already reached out to agencies from Columbia Pacific CCO, Jackson Care Connect, and Health Share of Oregon we believe meet the eligibility criteria, which can be found on our website [linked here](#).

Office hours will be held throughout September for interested, eligible agencies to ask questions about the application process and receive one-on-one application support from the SHIFT program team. The office hours schedule and sign-up information can be found [here](#). We look forward to seeing who is interested in participating in SHIFT beginning in January 2024!

For more information, contact SHIFT@careoregon.org or [visit www.careoregon.org/SHIFT](http://www.careoregon.org/SHIFT).