

Deflection ECHO

Session 2 – 10/14/26

Session Agenda

- Deflection Announcements
- Presentation: Deflection & Shelter Housing Panel
- Q&A

Deflection Updates and Events



DCC announcement:

Opportunity for Deflection Coordinators across the state to have open discussion and bring questions to subject matter experts (Dan Hoover and Chris Campbell) and CJC staff. Every 4th Wednesday monthly at noon. Next session on October 28. **Contact Kylie lanman@ohsu.edu to join**.



Open to patrol officers, patrol team supervisors, corrections officers, parole-probation officers, crisis responders, fire fighters, and emergency medical services.

NEW MODULE!

Deflection in Action:
A Commander's Perspective



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The Deflection Implementation Technical Assistance team hosts an OHSU website with links to register for all of our trainings, recordings of past trainings, and favorite resources.

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Subject Matter Experts



14 new and returning experts

All 6 Deflection Pathways

No-cost access to BHD grantees

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ECHO Agreements

- All Teach – All Learn
- Cameras on if possible
- Limit comments to 1 – 2 minutes. Introduce yourself
- First names
- Rolling admission – invite your deflection friends!
- **Please, please complete surveys**
  - **We are building this ECHO in response to your interests**

ECHO Sessions

Date	Presentation	Presenter(s)
9/9	Deflection Turns Two!	Daniel Hoover
10/14	Deflection & Shelter Housing Panel	County Panel
12/9	Lane County Deflection Research	Mike McCart and Clint Riley
1/13	*Tribal Deflection Partnerships*	
2/10	*Braiding Funding for Deflection Operations*	
3/10		
4/14		
5/12		

Deflection ECHO Team

Dan Hoover, MD, he/him, Addiction Medicine ECHO Director, *OHSU*

Chris Campbell, PhD, Associate Professor, *Portland State University, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice*

Sarann Bielavitz, she/her, Coordinator, *OHSU*



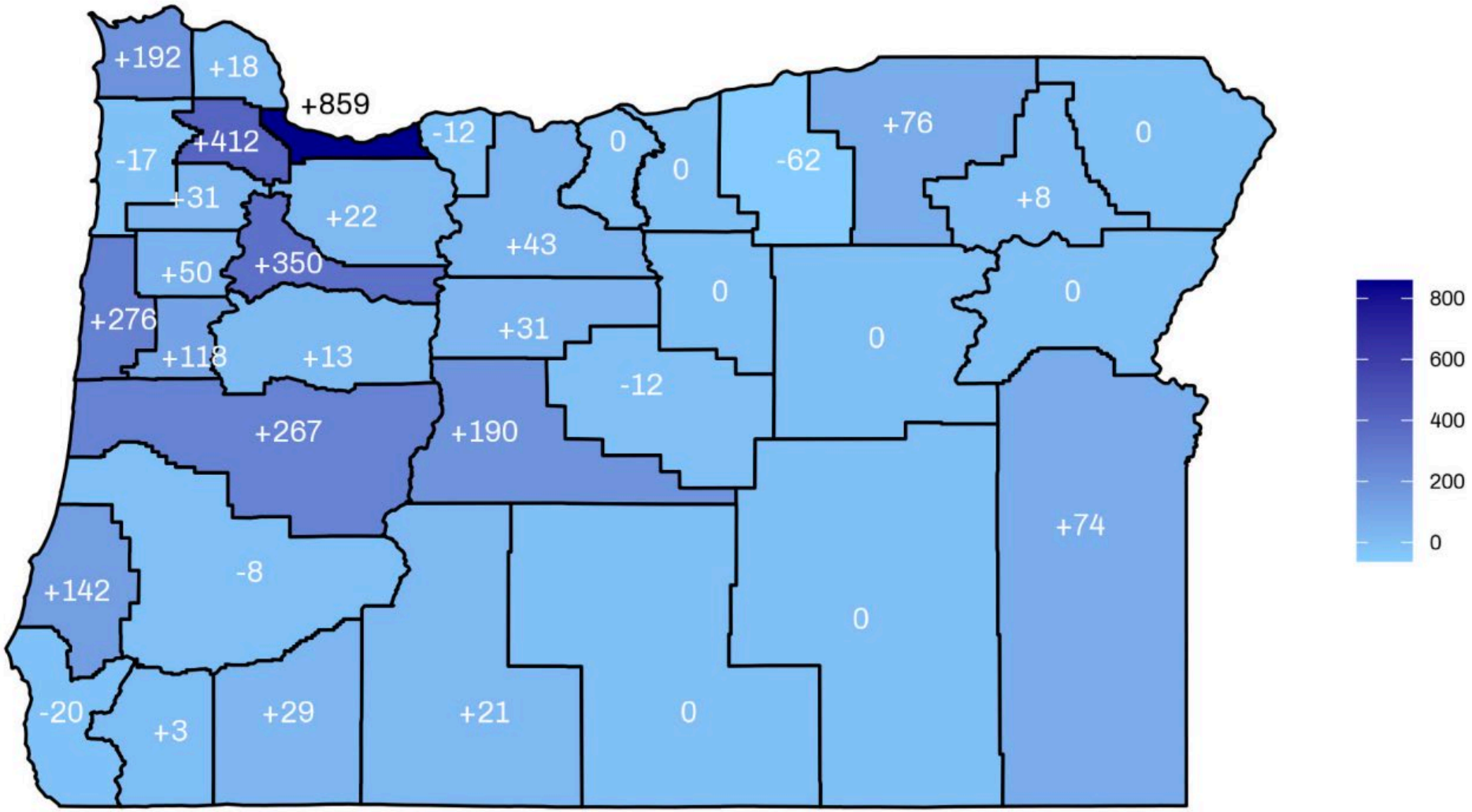
Deflection and Shelter Housing

The 2025 PIT Count recorded 27,119 people (from 23,330 households) experiencing homelessness across Oregon on a single night.

10,607 (39.1%) were sheltered
16,512 (60.9%) were unsheltered

Cho, M., Greene, J., Spurbeck, F. H., and Zapata, M. (2026). 2025 Oregon Statewide Homelessness Estimates. Portland State University Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative

MAP 2: CHANGE IN YEAR-ROUND SHELTER BEDS JANUARY 2023-JANUARY 2025



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In Portland metro, among the unsheltered houseless population **40-50% have substance use disorder**



https://homelessstrategicinitiatives.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Resolving-Homelessness-SUD-System-of-Care.pdf

The six pathways of deflection	
Self-Referral	An **individual voluntarily initiates contact** with a first responder agency/department (law enforcement, fire, or EMS), seeking treatment, without fear of arrest.
Active Outreach	A first responder or non-law enforcement agency **intentionally identifies or seeks to encounter** known individuals in the community to offer engagement in treatment and services.
Naloxone Plus	A first responder engages individuals as part of an **opioid overdose response**, with rapid engagement to treatment and services.
First Responder and Officer Referral (Officer Prevention)	A law enforcement officer or other first responder engages with individuals as a preventative measure and provides referrals to treatment or to a case manager. This occurs as part of duties on patrol or calls for service.
Officer Intervention	A law enforcement officer makes an arrest or identifies **a basis for a criminal charge, but no charges are filed** if the deflection program requirements are met. This occurs as part of duties including on patrol or calls for service and can include arrests with a warm handoff to a community-based responder.
Community Response	**In response to a call for service**, a community-based behavioral health team engages with individuals to de-escalate crises or resolve non-crisis situations and refer to treatment and services. Law enforcement may be involved when there are public safety or scene safety concerns.

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Two deflection pathways are particularly suited for shelter environments

Today's panelists

- **Neil Marchington, BS,** Deschutes County Sheriffs Office, Deflection Coordinator
- **Shannon Heisler, BS,** Lincoln County DA Office, Deflection Coordinator
- **Jamelle Villareal, CRM, QMHA, PSS, THW,** ReConnections Counseling, Agape Respite Center Founder and Executive Director
- **Jose Diaz,** Agape Respite Center

Thank you for joining today!

- **Surveys:** please complete the post-session survey emailed to you
- **Next session**: December 9th at noon – Lane County Deflection Research
- **Session materials are on ECHO**

  Connect: https://connect.oregonechonetwork.org/login
- **Next Deflection Coordinator Collaborative:** October 28th at noon