WASHINGTON OREGON HIGHER EDUCATION
SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE 2019

Oregon State University
Human Services Resource Center

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WHY THE HSRC EXISTS

AFFORDING COLLEGE IS A CONSTANT STRUGGLE.

42% of students do not have enough financial resource

79% of HSRC students reported that financial stress impacts their mental health and well being*

54.4% of HSRC students are severely food insecure**

*students who applied for Food Assistance in Winter 2019  ** from students who completed the Fall '18 FAA
We believe that by leveraging the abundance of our community, particularly those involved with civic engagement, our partnerships, shared resources, and engaging student leaders, that we will create opportunities that lead to all students having the resources they need to be academically successful.

We humanize students marginalized by inequity, poverty, and oppression- and we center the voices of those we serve as we advocate for an inclusive campus and community where low-income students feel a sense of belonging and empowerment and have the basic needs to be academically successful.

ALL STUDENTS AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY (AND BEYOND) SHOULD HAVE:

- Enough Food
- A safe place to sleep
- Resources for basic needs
- Access to course texts/materials that allow them to engage in a full academic experience
Programs that are offered by the HSRC

**FOOD PANTRY**
The HSRC Food Pantry provides the opportunity to leave with enough food to feed yourself and anyone else in your household for a full week. We also offer a rotating selection of fun surprises.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(S)**
Our Food Assistance Programs offer students resources to help alleviate some of the stress of not being able to access food.

**SNAP ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE**
Along with our Food Assistance Programs our SNAP Enrollment Assistance provides students information about how to apply for SNAP, if they qualify, and how to access SNAP funds.

**TEXTBOOK LENDING PROGRAM**
Textbooks cost a lot, through the TLP, we make sure students have access to textbooks (of those available) at no cost and rent them for the term- along with other supplemental materials.
THE HSRC FOOD PANTRY

HOW WE SERVE OUR STUDENTS

Funded by the OSU Foundation in Partnership with the Linn-Benton Food Share & Open to any and all OSU/Community members

In collaboration with partners, we’ve been able to offer "Fresh Food Friday's" as a means of increasing the fresh produce in OSU/Community Households

Emergency food boxes are made available on day's we do not have food pantries and are open to OSU and the community.
MEALBUX

Mealbux is a food subsidy that is funded by Student Fee's and allows for students to purchase food on at establishments that are not owned by the University on campus, like Panda Express. Mealbux money also works at UHDS locations and are made available to students until the end of the fiscal year.

FULL PLATE FUNDS

Full Plate Funds are in awarded in Partnership with University Housing & Dining Services, where excess funds from a students dining plan account can be donated to fund a student who runs out of dining dollars throughout the term. The funds only kick in once funds have been exhausted.
SNAP ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

Helping Students Meet Their Basic Needs

As part of our mission to ensure students are met with Basic Needs, our Food Assistance Application actually helps us further identify students who don't already have SNAP or qualify for SNAP but don't know they can apply for it.

"I've attempted to apply before but never completed the application due to not being sure about some of the answers. Having an event at school with people helping answer my questions in order for me to accurately fill out the form was awesome!"

- OSGS Student Participant

In its first year, 49 students attended OSGS, in its second year, 62 students attended the event. Data is still being collected to find out how many students actually received SNAP as a result of attending the workshop.
OTHER RESOURCES WE OFFER

IDENTIFYING STUDENT NEEDS

There are many different resources that we offer at the HSRC. Those include:

- @EATFREEOSU
- Shower Rooms
- OHP Sign-Up
- Laundry Services
- Textbook Checkout
- Cooking Classes
- Community Kitchen
- Emergency Housing
- Travel Grants/Grad Conference
- Reimbursement
- Basic Needs Statement for Class Syllabi

@EATFREEOSU

Twitter account that promotes free food on campus!

OHP SIGNUP

Representatives from OHP help folks apply at our food pantries!

SHOWER ROOM

People use this resource for a variety of reasons

LAUNDRY SERVICES

Anyone in the OSU community is welcome to come do laundry!
Students should never have to choose between buying textbooks and basic necessities like food or rent. The Textbook Lending Program helps students save money on course materials so they can worry less about meeting their other needs.

The Textbook Lending Program starts the first week of class (for students who qualify as priority access), and operates on a first come, first serve basis.

All textbooks must be returned prior to the end of the term.

- Over 400 Courses
- Over 1,400 textbooks
- $20,000 Annually spent on buying textbooks for students
- 15 hrs a week coordinating the TLP by one student staff member
MLK’S POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN

Honoring the Legacy by The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his fight for economic justice and what that means for us as a center for economic justice and Oregon State University.

RENT BURDEN AND THE EFFECT ON STUDENTS

Often, when there’s a conversation about housing in our community, (some) Corvallis residents blame students for driving up costs - but students experience rent burdens and housing insecurity too. (NOT an HSRC event, but want students to attend and share their experiences)

LAND OF PLENTY: ENSURING STUDENTS NEEDS ARE MET

How should we ensure people have the food they need?

Explore multiple perspectives on strategies to actualize food security and food justice. Open to the entire OSU and Corvallis community.
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