**DIS Orientation Checklist**

DIS [Disease Intervention Specialists] work in health departments, community health centers, and other similar locations to perform contact tracing, partner services, and emergency response. The DIS role was initially established to work in the field of STD prevention. However, these public health professionals have ground-level investigative skills that have also become key components of public health infectious disease threats, tuberculosis outbreak response, HIV exposure notification, other infectious disease control efforts, and emergency response. DIS have expertise in essential skills such as communication, contact tracing, interviewing, counseling, case analysis, and provider and community engagement. As the health care landscape evolves, DIS are needed even more as patient navigators and network builders to ensure patients are linked to care through expanded relationships with health care providers. DIS are a critical part of the public health infrastructure and in building the link to health care. (NCSDD 2021)

**Introduction**

Listed below are trainings agreed upon by local public health authorities (LPHAs) in the Portland Metro region. This document is intended to direct onboarding requirements for health workers that perform local follow up requirements for various reportable conditions in Oregon. It is intended to accompany Human Resource (HR) requirements in your jurisdiction, not replace them. Both clinical and non-clinical staff do DIS work. LPHAs are set-up differently across Oregon. Consult with OHA and other health departments on the best way to train and utilize DIS in your jurisdiction.

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**Internal DIS Orientation:** refer to your department or LPHA for all internal trainings not listed below

(E.g. standard operating procedures, workflows, local policies, software, listservs, and more)

**HIPAA Training**: online at [https://www.hipaatraining.com/](http://?) or jurisdiction specific

**Blood borne Pathogens:** online at [https://www.osha.gov](http://?) or jurisdiction specific

**Investigative Guidelines:** review Oregon Health Authority (OHA) [Investigative Guidelines](http://?) regarding reportable conditions applicable to DIS work, as determined by jurisdiction

**HIV Essentials:** eight online training modules from OHA found [here](http://?).

**Passport to Partner Services (40 hrs.):** historically, a 3-5 day CDC in-person training with travel and associated online training. [Passport to Partner Services](http://?), has moved to a virtual format. Track TBD by individual jurisdictions according to available resources and DIS background / experience.

At a minimum, include

1. [Passport to Partner Services Modules](http://?) (Course ID# 4299)
2. [Interview Demonstration Video](http://?) (Course ID# 1091138)

Additional courses recommended but not required (see below).

**National STD Curriculum:** a free educational website from the University of Washington STD Prevention Training Center funded through the CDC. These are self-paced online trainings; two tracks are required:

1. **National STD Curriculum:** focus on reportable sexually transmitted infections and diseases – HIV, syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea: [https://www.std.uw.edu/](http://?)

2. **National HIV Curriculum**: [https://www.hiv.uw.edu/](http://?)

**OHA Orpheus:** while waiting for access to electronic medical records (EMR), please refer to Orpheus online trainings & videos. Request OHA training as needed and available. Visit the [OHA ACDP Orpheus Page](http://?) for more information. At a minimum, the following Orpheus trainings are required:

One DUDE monthly training webinar: Local jurisdiction to ensure DIS are invited to these webinars

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**Overview of OHA and regional partners:** create one-on-one meetings with new DIS to meet state epidemiologists, staff, and regional partners that they will work with

**STD Clinic Visits:** shadow DIS in jurisdictions with an STD clinic. Benefits include gaining an understanding of STI/HIV testing capabilities, workflows, and referrals.

**Train Courses:** online CDC courses

* [Integrating PrEP into Partner Services](http://?) (Course ID#1090747)
* [Introduction to Field Safety for DIS](http://?) (Course ID# 1090980)
* [Introduction to Public Health Detailing](http://?) (Course ID# 1091014)
* [Introduction to Telephone Interviewing for DIS](http://?) (Course ID# 1090632)
* [Introduction to Trauma-Informed Care for DIS](http://?) (Course ID# 1090752)
* [Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity](http://?) (Course ID# 1090755)

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**Trauma Informed Care:** In-person or online through the learning collaborative**.** Review resources available through[Trauma Informed Oregon](http://?)**.**

**Mental Health First Aid**: in-person or online through [https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/](http://?)

Mental Health First Aid for [Adults](http://?)

Mental Health First Aid for [Youth](http://?)

## Cultural Specific/Diversity: in-person or online trainings through webinars, county trainings, conferences, and OHA Office of Equity and Inclusion [trainings](http://?)

## Sexual Orientation (SOGI) Trainings: Provided online through the Oregon AIDS Education and Training Resource Center [https://www.oraetc.org/sogi](http://?)

**Motivational interviewing (2 days)**:in-person or online though the Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center: [https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/training-and-events-calendar](http://?)

**External Partner Trainings**

**AIDS Education & Training Center Program (AETC)**. Additional provider trainings can be offered offsite and in person[https://aidsetc.org/](http://?)

**County DIS Shadowing**

Clackamas County – DIS line – 503-742-5998

Clackamas County – IDCP Office – 503-655-8411

Multnomah County – Jaxon Mitchell [*-* jaxon.mitchell@multco.us](http://?)

Washington County – Chris Keating - [christine\_keating@co.washington.or.us](http://?)

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