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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE BRIDGE LANE FLORENCE



April 2, 2025

Florence, OR – <u>Bridge Lane</u> Florence will take place on **Wednesday, April 16th**, from **3:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at the <u>Florence Events</u> <u>Center</u>. This FREE event connects residents of Florence, Mapleton, and surrounding areas with essential resources, career opportunities, and community support—all in one accessible location.

Hosted by <u>Collaborative EDO</u>, <u>Lane Workforce Partnership</u>, and the <u>City of Florence Oregon</u>, Bridge Lane Florence is designed to eliminate barriers by bringing vital services directly to the community. Attendees can explore resources in career development, health services, education, and social support while networking with professionals and discovering programs that enhance well-being and economic stability.

Whether you're seeking employment, skill-building opportunities, or essential services, Bridge Lane provides a welcoming space to learn, connect, and grow.

Participating Resource Providers:

211 Info, A Family for Every Child, Capitol Dental Care, Connected Lane County, Connections NW, Easter Seals Oregon, Employment Specialists, Hanawalt Ferguson, Attorneys at Law, Helping Hands Coalition, LCOG Senior & Disability Services, Lane County Public Health Reserve Corps, Lane County STEP, Lane SBDC, Live Healthy Lane, Looking Glass Community Services, Oregon Coast Humane Society Oregon, Department of Human Services, OSLC Developments, OSU Extension Lane County, PacificSource Health Plans, Paid Leave Oregon, Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad, Reveille Foundation, Siuslaw Outreach Specialists, Siuslaw Vision, Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care, The Arc Lane County, Trillium Community Health Plan, White Bird Clinic NEST, Work 4 Warriors ...and more!

Hiring Employers:

Aisling Truck Academy, Banner Bank, C.R.O.W., City of Dunes City, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, FOOD For Lane County, Head Start of Lane County, Hoagland Properties, Hyak, Central Lincoln People's Utility District, Inspire Culinary Academy, Job Corps, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), Oregon Army National Guard, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department - Jessie M. Honeyman State Park - Carl G. Washburne State Park, Pacific Seafood, Peace Harbor Medical Center, Reveille Foundation, Siuslaw Public Library District, Siuslaw School District, Three Rivers Casino Resort, WaFd Bank, Western Lane Crisis Response, Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority, United States Coast Guard Station Umpqua River and United States Coast Guard Siuslaw River ...and more!

Event Highlights:

Bridge Lane Resume Lounge – Receive expert assistance with job searches, resume writing, and on-site printing.

Pre-Registration Perk - Attendees who pre-register will receive an extra raffle ticket for a chance to win fantastic prizes! HERE

Refreshments – Enjoy light bites from the Inspire Culinary Academy sponsored by <u>Hyak</u> while mingling with employers and resource providers.

Bridge Lane Kids Corner – Free onsite childcare will be available for attendees while exploring resources and connecting with employers!

Funding

Collaborative EDO, contracted by Lane Workforce Partnership, serves as the convener of the Benefit Navigator consortium. The Workforce Benefits Navigators program is funded by a \$10 million investment from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This initiative is part of the broader <u>Future Ready Oregon</u> package, a \$200 million investment passed by the Oregon State Legislature in 2022 and primarily administered by the <u>Higher Education Coordinating Commission</u>.

Join Us in Making a Difference

Bridge Lane invites individuals, businesses, and organizations to join its mission of creating thriving communities. For more information and to get involved, visit www.BridgeLane.org.

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