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Rewriting Life Stories

TriMet & POIC: Community Safety

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Who We Are

POIC (Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center) was founded in 1967 as a local chapter of the OIC of America. We are committed to the success of underserved youth, adults, and families. POIC now serves more than 3,000 students, trainees, and families throughout the greater Portland area every year.

- Rosemary Anderson Prep Schools
- Community Safety Programs
  - Healing Hurt People (HHP)
  - Community Safety Worker
  - Trauma & Violence Impacted Family Support

- WOT Programs
  - Construction Pre-Apprenticeship
  - CHEF Academy
  - Semiconductor & Tech Training
- Family & Wellness Programs
  - Family Services
  - Youth Services
  - Trauma-Informed Care
  - Community Health

TriMet & POIC Partnership

- Creating a safer experience for all TriMet riders

- Implementing the Community Safety Worker Model

- Collaborating with TriMet's Safety Response Team

What Our Collaboration Looks Like

Current Actions, Goals, and Priorities

- Creating a safe & welcoming environment for all TriMet riders and frontline employees

- Connecting TriMet riders to community-based resources as needed

- Providing basic staples & emergency supplies to TriMet riders as needed

- Intervening & providing support during crisis response scenarios

Community Safety Worker

Goals & Purpose

- Professionalize the role of violence prevention workers

- Create a new career pathway for former victims of violence and previously incarcerated individuals

- Providing culturally specific, trauma-informed support via Credible Messengers

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Peer-to-Peer

Goals & Purpose

- Cross-Training for Impact: TriMet outreach teams and peer mentors collaborate to enhance support, share insights, and maximize effectiveness.

- Lived Experience Mentorship: We recruit mentors who have overcome houselessness, addiction, and violence to build trust and meaningful connections.

Conclusion

- Continuing our collaboration towards a safer TriMet experience

- Offering assistance & resource to our community members in need

- Advancing how people organize around community safety

Thank You!

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