



POLK COUNTY PRESS RELEASE

Polk County CARES Center Grand Opening

The Polk CARES Center will officially open its doors on October 6, 2025, bringing hope and new opportunities for the residents of Polk County. An Open House will take place on Thursday, September 30, 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at 182 SW Academy Street Dallas, Oregon 97361.

A safe and confidential space, the CARES Center (which stands for Connect Assist Respond Empower Support) is located in Dallas and will have a Walk-In Crisis Clinic for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. Services provided on-site include risk evaluations and observation, suicide prevention and safety planning, and referrals to behavioral health treatment services. Co-located in the building is a Welcome Center for Substance Use Support. Services provided on-site include peer support to help individuals navigate a path to recovery, screenings, referrals for substance use disorder treatment, tailored recovery plans, and overdose prevention and safety promotion.

The CARES Center was built with braided funding from House Bill 5202, a grant from the Oregon Health Authority through Measure 110 to support a state-wide Behavioral Health Resource Network, and money received from Senate Bill 5506.

Services at the Polk CARES Center are available to people of all ages, regardless of health insurance or ability to pay. It will be open to the public 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday with no appointments necessary.

For general inquiries, call 503-623-9289.

For questions related to the grand opening, contact Kristin Beck - beck.kristin@co.polk.or.us

