



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
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Good morning,

I am so very pleased to have witnessed the development of an active and collaborative group of Oregon interpreters during the past two years. The Oregon Society of Translators and Interpreters, [OSTI](#), promotes professional development, collaboration with the OJD on policy and continuing education matters, and professional resources. It has been a wonderful resource to be able to send novice professionals to this fabulous organization! The OJD and OSTI both have representatives on the [Health Care Interpreters Certification Program](#) and recently scheduled fall CE events to promote the highest attendance at both organization's events.

Helen Eby, President of Oregon Society of Translators and Interpreters, continues to bring attention to the issues of interpreting in Oregon and regularly meets with OJD staff to discuss issues. She and her colleagues were also instrumental in rallying support around the 2013-15 Legislature's approval of OJD funding for a freelance interpreters' hourly rate increase. She was featured in an OPB story this morning:

[Oregon Has a Shortage of Certified Medical Interpreters](#)

Congratulations, OSTI!

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