



**Hood River County
Prevention Department
309 State Street
Hood River, OR 97031**

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Dear Colleague,

I am writing this letter of support and recommendation for CLEAR Alliance, Oregon's statewide non-profit organization that provides fact-based education about the consequences about substance abuse and impaired driving for youth and adults.

The Hood River County Prevention Department has been involved with CLEAR Alliance since 2017. Many of the staff have been trained to facilitate the TMEC curriculum which is used in the Hood River County School District, 6-11th grades. We have also used the Driver's Education curriculum within the school district. The exceptional educational flyers are distributed in classrooms, at Safety Fairs, parent workshops and at many other events where parents and concerned adults are present. Attendance at the statewide conferences that CLEAR Alliance offers is highly beneficial to staff education.

It should also be noted that in February of 2020 CLEAR Alliance was awarded a National HIDTA Award from the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy. The "Outstanding Public Health/Public Safety Collaboration Effort" Award was presented to CLEAR Alliance in Washington DC for its agency and coalition work on the Tobacco Marijuana & E-cigarettes Course (TMEC) curriculum (a health, safety, and impaired driving educational program) taught in middle schools, high schools, and driver education programs.

The TMEC and its support materials is the program that Hood River County Prevention has been utilizing for years. We are excited to work with CLEAR Alliance as they continue to keep their educational program up to date with newer drug trend data and research.

We urge your support of CLEAR Alliance as they provide crucial drug and impaired driving educational services for youth and adults.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach me at 541.387.6890 or Belinda.ballah@co.hood-river.or.us

Respectfully,

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