

**OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Applicant Summary**

Applicant: Deanna DSouza
Organization: Senior Project Manager, Worksystems, Inc.
CoC Board Position: Business/Employment

Professional or lived experience in:

- Food Assistance
- Employment Services
- Training/Education
- Senior Support and Services
- Youth Services

In my role as a project manager at Worksystems I focus on homelessness and manage the employment services, career coaching, and rent assistance supports provided by our community based partners through A Home for Everyone. Previously, I worked in K-12 and post-secondary education on increasing equitable access to career and college opportunities for historically underserved students in Multnomah and Washington county. Additionally, I serve on the board of directors for Metropolitan Family Service (MFS) which provides food assistance, youth and senior support services.

Experience and willingness to serve on behalf of and advocate for people experiencing homelessness:

I hope to bring my experience in education, social service programing, and workforce development combined with my strong equity lens to advocate for people experiencing homelessness. From my role at Worksystems I will bring the business and employment lens including a unique perspective of the workforce training and development system, strong partnerships with community-based providers, and opportunities to leverage workforce resources and employment programs to support people experiencing homelessness. I hope to advocate for helping connect people with training and employment opportunities through the WorkSource centers and community-based partners in order to help people out of homelessness by connecting to career-track opportunities and person-centered services.