



THE SHIELD

Providing mental health services to Central Oregon veterans & first responders

PRESS RELEASE

THE SHIELD TO CLOSE AFTER TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS

BEND, OREGON 5/27/26 - Central Oregon nonprofit The Shield is closing as of 8/31/26 after ten years of serving the Central Oregon community. Co-founder and principal clinician, Dan Anderson is transitioning to semi-retirement and will be unable to dedicate the hours necessary to support The Shield's mission.

Dan's letter to clients and supporters:

As many of you are aware, both my family life and my work life are transitioning. This means that The Shield, 501c3 nonprofit will be closing.

I want to personally thank all who have been supportive of our time in Central Oregon. Especially to the Veterans and First Responders: It has been my privilege to know each of you. It has been not only the best job I have ever had but also one of the most significant experiences of my life which I will carry always; thank you.

For anyone that has not yet heard me bragging: My son Scott David has been accepted to attend the Berklee College of Music in Boston beginning in the fall. As Scott starts his next chapter, my wife and I will be starting ours.

Very best regards,

Dan Anderson, LPC

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THE SHIELD, 501c3 is a Central Oregon nonprofit serving local Veterans & First Responders, providing no-cost specialized counseling & advocacy. Contact: Dan Anderson, 541.390.3133, info@shieldcentraloregon.org.

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