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To: I/DD community members, Tribal partners and ODDS staff

From: Dana J. Hittle, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: New American Rescue Plan Act program for provider agency mentorship and technical support

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is pleased to share a new mentorship opportunity for provider agencies. ODDS recognizes that there is a large demand in Oregon for technical assistance for Medicaid-enrolled provider agencies to help them improve services. ODDS' new Medicaid Agency Mentoring and Technical Assistance Program was created to help address that need.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allows ODDS to compensate provider agencies selected as mentors at \$75 per hour.

ODDS is now accepting applications for provider agencies interested in mentorship. Please refer to this ODDS [transmittal](#) that lists the specific requirements for mentorship, technical assistance topics and the application process. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on May 30.

For those interested in receiving technical assistance as mentees, a transmittal with details about that application process will be coming soon. If you want to sign up to make sure you receive that information, [you can provide your email address](#), and ODDS will notify you when the mentee information is available. We expect mentee applications to open on April 12 and the transmittal with more information to go out on April 11.

We hope this new program will be a great support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana J. Hittle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being the most prominent.

Dana J. Hittle

Interim Director

Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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