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April 23, 2024

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

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

Subject: Technical assistance opportunity with American Rescue Plan Act-funded mentorship program

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) has a new technical assistance opportunity for Medicaid agency providers and foster care providers. This is the mentee part of the [recently announced Mentoring and Technical Assistance Program](#). This program is funded by an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.

For more information about eligibility and how to apply, [read transmittal DD-IM-24-022](#). Eligible providers can apply for mentoring and technical assistance on a variety of topics relevant to any ODDS services. Entities wanting support in becoming an ODDS provider can also apply.

The technical assistance and mentorship will be provided by authorized ODDS providers. ODDS will match those seeking technical assistance with a mentor with relevant expertise. ODDS will negotiate the details of the technical assistance in a customized approach to meet individual needs. Mentee applications must be completed no later than June 28, 2024.

ODDS is still seeking mentors for this program. Medicaid-enrolled provider agency or foster care providers are [welcome to apply](#). More details are available in [transmittal DD-IM-24-12](#). Applications are due by 5 p.m. on May 30.

Thank you for your interest in this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Hittle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dana Hittle  
Interim Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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