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Upcoming Educational Forum in Astoria to Discuss Changes Coming to Home and Community-Based Services and Supports: September 30, 2015

Beginning Monday, August 31 and ending October 1, the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority are hosting a series of educational forums throughout the state. On Wednesday, September 30, the Astoria forum will take place at the Judge Guy Boyington Building.

Providers and consumers are invited to discuss upcoming changes to federal and state requirements for people who receive services in their home and in community-based settings. These changes will ensure more rights, as well as an increased ability for people receiving services to be part of their local community.

Who: Forums are open to all and no registration is required. Family members and people receiving supports in in-home or community-based settings as well as providers for Aging and People with Disabilities (APD), Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) and Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) services are encouraged to attend.

Advocates and community partners are also invited.

These forums are targeted to people over age 18 and the service providers supporting individuals over the age of 18. Forums will be offered to children's providers and guardians later in 2015.

What: There will be a presentation about Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), regulatory changes and upcoming surveys directly followed by a group discussion. Agency staff will be available to answer questions and offer guidance.

Where: Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon

When: There will be both an afternoon and evening session, each covering the same material:
Afternoon session is from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Evening session is from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

For information about upcoming Educational Forums:
http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/HCBS/Pages/Index.aspx

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