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Monday - Educational Forum to discuss changes for home and community-based services and supports in Bend

Beginning Monday and ending October 1, the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority are hosting a series of educational forums throughout the state.

Monday, August 31, the Bend forum will take place at the Central Oregon Community College.

Providers and consumers are invited to discuss upcoming changes to federal and state requirements impacting those receiving 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. Also invited are advocates and community partners.

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: Central Oregon Community College, Willie Hall 2600 NW College Way, Bend, Or 97707

When: There will be an afternoon and evening session, each covering the same material:

Afternoon session is from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Evening session is from 5 – 7:30 p.m.

For information about upcoming Educational Forums:

<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/HCBS/Pages/Index.aspx>

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