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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: [Employment First](#): 2016 SC/PA Conference

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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The Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) held its annual Case Management Conference for Service Coordinators (SCs) and Personal Agents (PAs) Aug. 9-10 in Corvallis. More than 600 participants from around Oregon attended the conference, which featured more than 70 sessions on a range of topics.



OSAC (left to right), including Ryley Newport, Ross Ryan, Kaaren Londahl, Phil Stone and Justin Connolly, spoke about assessments.

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The DHS Employment First team attended both days of the conference and had a booth featuring items from the I Work We Succeed campaign on display. The ODDS policy and regional team also presented and participated in sessions. Multiple sessions addressed employment, as well as related topics such as person-centered decision-making and community-based services.

Employment-related sessions included representatives from the [Oregon Self Advocates Coalition](#) (OSAC) speaking about assessments from the perspective of those who receive services. Maig Bergio from [UCP Connections](#) and Laura Noppenberger from [Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage](#) conducted a session on writing strong employment outcomes. They also discussed the significance and role of provider implementation strategies and action plans.



Roberta Dunn with FACT presents on tips for the IEP process.

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Roberta Dunn, executive director of [Family & Community Together](#) (FACT) gave insights, tips and tools for supporting individuals and their families with the IEP process. Allison Enriquez, employment policy analyst with ODDS, spoke about supported decision-making and how it maximizes opportunities for self-determination using person-centered practices.

Gene Rada with the [Work Incentives Network](#) (WIN) spoke about benefits

planning, and how individuals can work and stay connected to benefit programs. Julie Huber with ODDS, along with Alan Lytle and Danielle Moore of [Oregon Training and Consultation](#) (OTAC) walked participants through the new ISP Attachment, which includes the Career Development Plan Addendum.



Lilia Teninty, director of ODDS, held an informal conversation at the conference.

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Finally, a panel of employment specialists, including Erica Brown of [Partnerships in Community Living](#), Liz Fox with [Alternative Work Concepts](#) and Chris Prichard of [UCP Employment Solutions](#), discussed strategies for helping individuals with significant and multiple disabilities develop and maintain a competitive, integrated job.

Lilia Teninty, director of ODDS, held an informal conversation with attendees. She addressed budget concerns and other emerging issues

in the system. It was great to participate in this conference and receive fantastic feedback from the field around how we can continue to improve the system. We appreciate everyone's attendance at this conference.

If you have comments or other questions, please email them to employment.first@state.or.us.

~ Acacia