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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, director of ODDS, and Trina Lee, director of VR

Re: [Employment First](#): Employment First Coordinator Hiring Announcement

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

Acacia McGuire Anderson has been named as Oregon's permanent Statewide Employment First Coordinator.

Acacia has been filling the role on an interim basis since February 2016, and in that time has shown she has incredible knowledge of employment services and a passion for serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Her leadership on employment policy, and her tenacity in moving the Employment First initiative forward, shows she is a good match for this job.

In her role, Acacia will report to the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) Program Director, with shared accountability to the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program Director. She will manage the Employment First team, which includes capacity-building efforts and statewide outreach for integrated employment services. She will also serve as lead in the ongoing work with the Lane v. Brown settlement agreement.

Acacia joined DHS in 2013 as the Diagnosis and Evaluation Coordinator for ODDS. In 2014, she became the ODDS Manager for Eligibility and Employment. Her previous experience includes working as a service coordinator for Multnomah County and as a program manager and direct support professional for an employment provider agency in the Portland area. Acacia also worked in residential supports in her home state of Montana.

Please join me in welcoming Acacia in her permanent role as Statewide Employment First Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Lilia Teninty

Director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Trina Lee

Director of Vocational Rehabilitation