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**To: Employment First stakeholders**

**From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator**

**Re: Employment First: Benefits counseling documents; HCBS call reminder**

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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A few reminders for this week's message.

Last week, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services and the Work Incentives Network (WIN) held a call about benefits counseling. The Frequently Asked Questions document, along with a timeline for training and WIN's certification Memorandum of Understanding, are all posted now under "Benefits Counseling" on the Employment First I/DD Policy Page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT-FIRST/Pages/policy.aspx>

Please note: the training is filled but there is a wait list in iLearn where you sign up. Providers will be accepted based on geographical diversity.

Also, please mark your calendars for Thursday, July 19 at 1:30 p.m. The quarterly ODDS/VR stakeholder call will be focused on Home and Community Based Services. The phone number is: 877-336-1831. Guest code: 230706.

Please submit any questions in advance for this stakeholder call by emailing: [employment.first@state.or.us](mailto:employment.first@state.or.us).

Thank you.

~ Acacia