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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: [Employment First](#): Employment Data and Outcomes

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

The newest [Employment First: Outcomes and Success report](#) for October 2019 is now published online. This report highlights some of the outcomes and successes achieved toward the goal of increasing community jobs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

All the numbers included in this Outcomes and Success report are for clients in Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) for State Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

The goal of this report is to make our data, outcomes and successes easier to read and understand.

I want to note a few highlights that wouldn't be possible without the work of self-advocates and families, along with everyone in the field – the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors, Services Coordinators, Personal Agents, providers, and others who are striving to help people with community employment.

- VR had a big increase in the number of people with I/DD in ODDS services who closed successfully with a job. In 2019, 853 people with I/DD closed in VR with jobs in the community, a 23 percent increase from the prior year number of 692.
- The overall number of people in ODDS services working with supports (job coaching) increased 23 percent from 2018 to 2019. We now have more than 1,500 people working with supports in Oregon. In 2015, that number was just over 570.
- There was an 89 percent decrease in the number of people in sheltered workshops from 2013 to 2019. There are now less than 300 people in sheltered workshops in Oregon.

There is a great deal more information in the report, including Oregon Department of Education outcomes, Youth Transition Program data, and wonderful success stories from around the state. The Employment First: Outcomes and Successes

report is available online with links accessible at the Employment First website under “Documents and Publications” at: <http://iworkwesucceed.org>
The full link is: https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT-FIRST/Documents/EF_Outcomes_Successes_October_2019.pdf

I also want to point out that the [Lane v. Brown Settlement Semi-Annual Data Report](#) is also published. Specifically, I want to call out how close we are to reaching one of our biggest goals of the Lane settlement – to increase the number of people with I/DD who have been in sheltered workshops obtaining Competitive Integrated Employment. The settlement requires the State to meet the number of 1,115 people from sheltered workshops in CIE by July 1, 2022. Currently, the count is 914. We are very close to meeting one of the essential requirements of the settlement, and that is because of the amazing work you are all doing to support people with I/DD to get community jobs.

We want to continue to strive as hard as possible to make our system better for the people we serve, but I also want to recognize how much passion and work has gotten us to this point. Thanks to everyone for your service and dedication.

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