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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: Employment First: Update on Discovery Profile and Policy

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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This message is an update on the Discovery pilot and policy, and ways you can provide feedback.

Discovery is an Office of Developmental Disabilities Services' employment service that involves a person-centered planning process to find a job that matches a person's interests and strengths. Discovery is an outcome-based service that results in a Discovery profile.

The proposed Discovery profile and accompanying policy are the result of two years of stakeholder input. ODDS has been conducting a Discovery pilot since November 2018. The pilot will provide stakeholders and ODDS an opportunity to gain insight into the proposed process and Discovery profile. However, the opportunity to comment and offer suggestions, etc. is open to everyone.

The draft Discovery profile, policy and other documents, are available for review and comment on the ODDS Engagement and Innovation web page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/PROVIDERS-PARTNERS/Pages/engagement-innovation.aspx>

ODDS will be collecting feedback until noon on March 28, 2019. Send feedback to ODDS.Engagement@state.or.us with the subject "Discovery Profile."

~ Acacia