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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: Employment First: Semi-Annual Data Report Published

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The Employment First team within the Department of Human Services (DHS) produces a semi-annual report that provides data concerning Oregonians with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD). Executive Order 15-01 directs DHS to produce this document semi-annually. In addition, the Lane Settlement Agreement also requires additional data to be published in the report. All of the data in the report pertains to clients in services from the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS). The full report with all the data required by the Lane Settlement Agreement and Executive Order is online at: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT-FIRST/DataReports/Data%20Report%20Executive%20Order%20September%202016.pdf>

Here are some highlights of the [Employment First September 2016 Data Report](#) that may be of interest to stakeholders.

- According to Employment Outcomes System data, 841 individuals were in Individual Supported Employment in March 2016, up from 577 people in March 2015. This is a 45 percent increase in Individual Supported Employment.
- Small Group Supported Employment and Employment-Path Facility numbers decreased from March 2015 to March 2016. Employment-Path Community increased from 547 to 957 people during this same time.
- Vocational Rehabilitation continues to have positive outcomes with ODDS-eligible clients. More people are applying to VR to get a community job (29 percent increase). More people with I/DD are getting into an Individualized Plan for Employment (39 percent increase), and more people are getting competitive integrated jobs (29 percent increase).
- Overall, VR had 563 successful closures with competitive integrated employment from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- There were 1,405 people in sheltered workshops in March 2016, which is a decrease of 532 from March 2015.

- There were 2,971 individuals in the target population (transition-age or people in sheltered workshops) who received a new employment service between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2016, surpassing the target of 2,200 in Executive Order 15-01.

I want to acknowledge that these positive outcomes would not be possible without all the hard work you are all doing around the state. I know that self-advocates and families, VR counselors, personal agents, service coordinators, job developers, job coaches, and many others are working tirelessly to advocate for, and help people find, keep and maintain community jobs. Thank you for the work you are doing.

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

~ Acacia