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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: [Employment First](#): New trainings announced

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) and the Employment First team have developed 32 new on-demand trainings. All 32 of these new online, interactive trainings qualify as Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for Employment Professionals and are available for free!

All trainings can be found in the current version in the [Department-approved trainings](#). This list of department-approved trainings for Employment Professionals has been changed to a new catalog style format. The list will continue to include trainings that are approved by the ODDS for CECs and will be updated by ODDS as trainings are approved.

Some highlights of the new online modules include trainings on topics such as Job Coaching, Discovery, Maintaining Benefits While Working, Core Competences, specific modules for Vocational Rehabilitation counselors, Services Coordinators, and Personal Agents, and much more.

As most of you know, all Employment Professionals must complete 12 CECs of ODDS-approved trainings annually. To allow for more flexibility, ODDS is now only requiring that six or more of the 12 required CECs be specific to the topic of supported employment as it relates to people with developmental disabilities. Any remaining CECs required for the year must be related to topics about disability in general and not necessarily about supported employment. All trainings still must be [approved by ODDS](#).

Please note that iLearn is the current Learning Management System (LMS) for Oregon but beginning June 2021, the new LMS will be Workday Learning. Please remember to print your transcript when you complete any trainings, so that you have a record. A [message](#) was sent out about this transition in February.

Communication about this transition to Workday Learning will be provided on a regular basis as the transition moves forward.

All details of the new modules, including training requirements for Employment Professionals, Independent Contractors, Personal Support Worker Job Coaches and more, can be found in the [Worker Guide](#) and [transmittal](#).

Thanks as always for your support in serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon.

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