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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: Employment First: Open Future Learning Training Extended

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

Due to several requests from the field, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is excited to announce that it has extended the [Open Future Learning](#) (OFL) training program through December 31, 2020 or until current funding is exhausted.

OFL provides a variety of videos and training modules that are specifically related to topics about intellectual and developmental disabilities. This free training was made available in May to Employment, Residential or Community Living Supports Agencies (Agencies), PSW Job Coaches, CDDPs and Brokerages.

As nearly all of the 999 subscriptions are currently accounted for, and wanting to ensure those currently enrolled can benefit from the training, no new enrollments will be accepted for the month of September. ODDS would like to highlight that only about 50 percent of people who have been given a subscription to OFL are currently participating. Please check with staff who were already approved for this subscription and confirm that they plan on using it. Organizations can substitute staff who have left or have indicated that they cannot participate for those who will participate. For example, if there are three staff who will not be participating (or are done with participating) then an organization can ask to have those staff removed and add three new staff members. If you have questions, please contact employmenttraining.review@dhsosha.state.or.us

Some OFL trainings have been approved by ODDS to meet the annual training requirements for Employment Professionals. The Department Approved Training List has been updated with the approved OFL trainings and other trainings that ODDS has approved: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Documents/Department-Approved%20Employment%20Service%20Provider%20Training%20Courses.pdf>

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

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