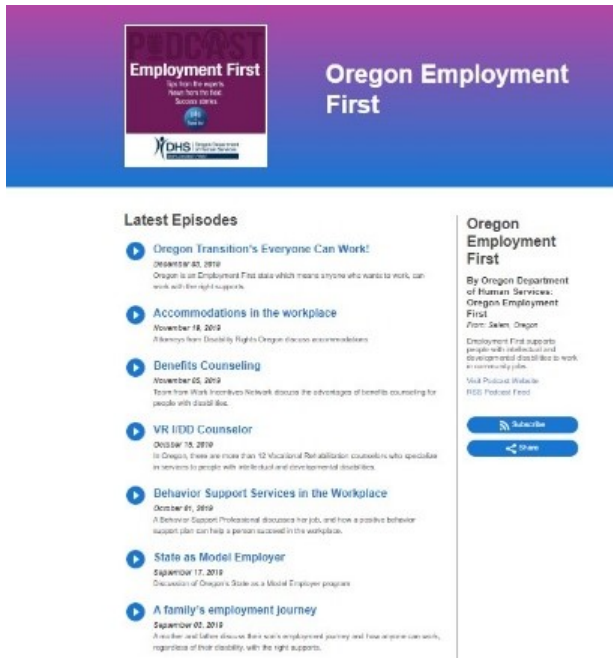


January 10, 2020

To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: Employment First: Podcasts available for Continuing Education Credits
(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)



I have exciting news to share in our ongoing efforts to expand training and Continuing Education Credit options.

Based on stakeholder feedback and the overall intent of the Employment First podcasts, ODDS recently approved that the Employment First podcasts count toward the 12 hours of annual Continuing Education Credits required for all Employment Professionals. Listening to four podcasts will count toward one Continuing Education Credit (CEC), or one hour of continuing education.

A [form is available to fill out](#) and keep in your personnel file as part of an Employment Professional's training credentials.

New podcasts air the first and third Tuesday of each month. Subscribe and listen to the podcasts at: <https://www.blubrry.com/oregondhs/>.

Transcripts are available for all podcasts. The Oregon Employment First Podcasts are available in most podcast applications, including iTunes, Google Play, Stitcher, Android, and much more.

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services' Employment First team launched the podcast series in early 2019. The podcasts are discussions with various state experts, as well as developmental disabilities' field staff, employers, people with disabilities, family members, and more.

The podcasts are 15 to 20 minutes in length. Topics range from Behavior Support Services to an Employer's Perspective on Hiring People with Disabilities.

Email: EmploymentTraining.Review@dhsosha.state.or.us for more information about continuing education reporting.

The Information Memorandum transmittal regarding the updates to the Department Approved Training list is [available online](#).

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

Acacia