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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: Employment First: Employment First Podcasts Launched

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I've got some exciting news to share this week. Starting today, Feb. 5, Employment First is launching a podcast series.

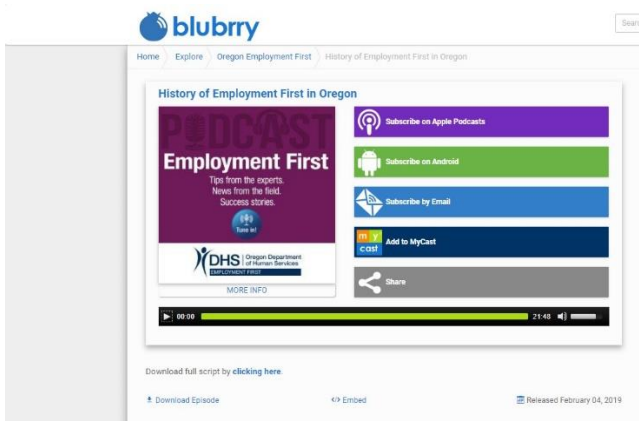


The Oregon Employment First Podcasts are short, engaging ways to learn about everything on topics ranging from How to make a Referral

to Vocational Rehabilitation and the History of Employment First in Oregon to How to have the Employment Conversation from the Case Management Perspective.

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

You can also find the podcasts on the Employment First website at: <http://iworkwesucceed.org>



The podcasts are 15-to-20-minute discussions with various state experts, as well as field staff, employers, people with disabilities, family members, and more. Captioning is 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 [first podcast](#), airing today, is about the History of Employment First. This is a conversation between ODDS Director Lilia Teninty and myself on Employment

First and the history of how self-advocates, families and providers came together to advocate for community-based employment services nationally and in Oregon.

Our hope is that this podcast series will be a useful tool for Service Coordinators, Personal Agents, employment providers, Vocational Rehabilitation counselors, individuals and their families, educators and anyone interested in employment services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We are excited about this new communications tool. If you have ideas for future podcast topics or know someone who would be a great guest for the series, please email: employment.first@state.or.us.

~ Acacia