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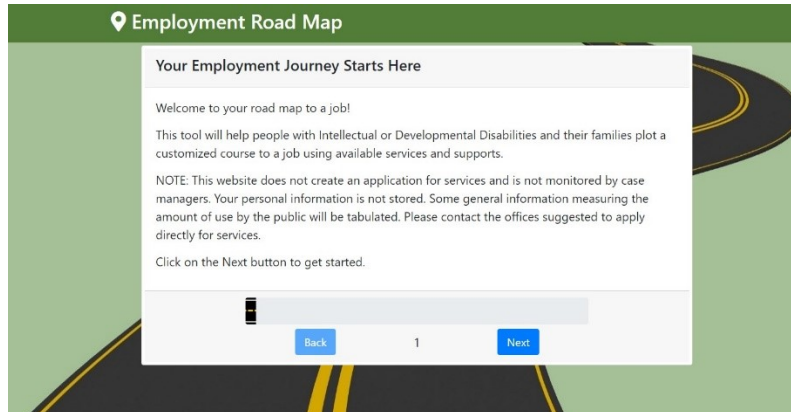
**To: Employment First stakeholders**

**From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator**

**Re: Employment First: Employment First Road Map Launched**

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Employment Road Map website

We have launched a new resource called the Employment First Road Map. This is a tool to assist people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families to chart their employment journey. This is also a resource for Service Coordinators and Personal Agents to help guide the

employment conversation.

The website is: <https://road2work.oregon.gov/>

We received stakeholder requests over the years for an employment “flow chart,” to help people and families navigate through employment services. However, because each person’s situation and employment goals are different, a one-dimensional chart would not meet the goal of helping people navigate through the employment system.

Instead, we have developed the [Employment First Road Map website](#). Think of it as a personalized employment navigation system. Using some basic personal information, such as if the person is still in school or not, and what county and zip code the person is in, the Road Map guides the user through a series of questions about employment. It then populates with useful information and local contacts based on how the person answers the questions.

After several years of developing the website and testing it with stakeholders, including self-advocates, the Road Map is ready to be used.

Users go through a series of questions and at the end, the site will give you a personalized PDF that can be printed. We encourage Service Coordinators and Personal Agents to use the Road Map with people and their family or team as part of the employment conversation.

We appreciate the many stakeholders and staff that contributed to this project and helped us develop a tool that we believe will be a great resource for people and their families.

~ Acacia