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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: Employment First: Employment Outcomes System for VR Counselors and Case Managers

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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Recently, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) relaunched the Employment Outcomes System (EOS) website with new tools and features for Services Coordinators (SCs), Personal Agents (PAs) and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors.



The new EOS website has a function for providers to enter capacity for job coaches, job developers and Discovery services. This new function can be entered and updated by providers at any time – even daily. EOS is at: <http://oregoneos.org>

SCs, PAs, and VR counselors can now quickly find a list of providers in their area that offer specific services. They can use the comparison functions to compare different providers in their area and see which ones, for instance, have more people in integrated jobs, or have capacity for Discovery.

You can also use the website to compare employment data, languages that providers are able to serve other than English, capacity and outcomes from multiple providers to help make an informed decision.

It is still a good idea after using EOS to check with providers in your area to verify the information. We have been encouraging providers to keep their information up to date.

For instance, an individual, VR counselor, SC, or PA can go to the EOS website, click on the Data tab and search by county or provider name. If that provider has filled out their information, EOS will not only show their employment data but also show a Red/Yellow/Green light for Job Development, Job Coaching and Discovery capacity. Providers enter how many staff members they have employed in these areas, and if they have capacity to take on additional clients. Red light means no capacity, green means capacity available, and yellow indicates the provider has not filled this out.

We encourage SCs, PAs and VR counselors to use this valuable resource, and also to work with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to show them how to use the website to help make informed decisions.

Questions regarding EOS can be directed to: employment.data@state.or.us

~ Acacia