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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: [Employment First](#): February Executive Order Data Report

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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The Employment First initiative is focused on improving integrated employment outcomes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), including transition-age individuals and those in sheltered workshop services. As one way to monitor our progress, the Governor's Executive Order 15-01 (EO) calls for a semi-annual data report. The Lane v. Brown settlement calls for additional data monitoring.

Here are some highlights of the [Employment First February 2016 Data Report](#). All the data points below refer to people receiving services from the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS).

- According to the September 2015 Employment Outcomes System (EOS), 743 people received individual supported employment services. This is an increase of 166 people working in individual supported employment services from March 2015;
- From July 2015 to December 2015 (SFY 2016), Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) had 279 closures that led to Competitive Integrated Employment for those people also receiving ODDS services. Of those 279 new jobs, 143 (51.2 percent) were transition-age (ages 14-24) and 58 (20.8 percent) were current or former sheltered workers;
- The average number of VR case closures that led to Competitive Integrated Employment has more than doubled, from 22 closures per month in 2011 to 48 per month in 2015;
- Based on a September 2015 EOS count, there were 1,770 people in ODDS services working in a sheltered setting, a decrease of 167 individuals from the March 2015 count; and
- For people with I/DD working in individual supported employment, average wages were \$10.24 per hour. Average hours worked per week were 11.6. It is interesting to note that average hours across all employment services are similar. Small Group Employment, Sheltered Employment and Employment

Path Facility all average about 11 hours per week. Employment Path Community (with a wage) is 10.3 hours per week.

You can review the full data report at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT-FIRST/DataReports/Data%20Report%20Executive%20Order%20February%202016.pdf>.

If you have comments or other questions, please email them to employment.first@state.or.us.

~ Acacia