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**To: All ODDS Staff and Employment First Stakeholders**  
**Joint Message From: ODDS Director Lilia Teninty and Statewide**  
**Employment First Coordinator Mike Maley**  
**Re: Changes to Services Effective July 1, 2015**  
(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

In the coming weeks, you will begin to see more information and messages from us about the changes to entry into Sheltered Workshop Services effective July 1, 2015. We know that there have been questions about these changes and we want to assure you that we will be doing everything we can to answer your questions and make these changes happen as smoothly as possible for all who may be impacted.

ODDS and Employment First are working together to compile a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, with questions submitted by parents and self-advocates. We hope this document will help to answer basic questions that individuals and families may have about this policy change. We will also send out regular messages with information as it comes available, including a video message that can be shared widely.

Again, we know that many of you have questions and concerns about these changes, and we will be doing all we can to make sure that these are addressed before July 1.

Thank you all for your continued involvement, support, and advocacy for services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon.

Lilia Teninty and Mike Maley