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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: Employment First: Employment Provider Mentors Announced

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

The Office of Development Disabilities Services has approved seven qualified Medicaid agencies to mentor employment providers on topics including Discovery, Job Development, Budgeting, Business Operation, Job Development Modeling, Rule Compliance, Behavioral Support, and Protocol Development.

The current approved agencies to provide training and technical assistance are:

- Alternative Work Concepts
- Bay Area Enterprises
- Central Oregon Employment Solutions
- Dirkse Counseling & Consulting
- Living Opportunities
- Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon
- Partnerships in Community Living

This program will help build capacity by paying an hourly rate for agencies to act as mentors of employment-related services, and support to agencies in need of technical assistance.

Agencies that still want to become mentors of employment-related services to other providers can still apply by July 31, 2019. We are especially interested in hearing from agencies in Eastern Oregon and the mid-Willamette Valley. Agencies that apply and are approved by ODDS will be compensated at a rate of \$75 per hour. Providers can still ask for technical assistance, as well as apply to provide it. Full information is at:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/spd/transmit/ar/2019/ar19003.pdf>.

Questions and request for the form can be submitted to:

EmploymentTraining.Review@dhsosha.state.or.us

I am very excited to make this peer provider mentoring happen in Oregon, and to help build capacity and expertise to strengthen our system.