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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: Employment First: National Disability Employment Awareness Events

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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Poster from 2017 National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In September, we sent out a message asking for anyone holding events to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) in October to send us the information. This year's theme for the national event is "Inclusion Drives Innovation."

Here are some events happening statewide October 2017 for NDEAM:

Eugene-Springfield Vocational Rehabilitation and WorkSource Lane present: "Access Technologies Employment Equipment for Persons with Disabilities." The digital era has led to many advances in technology that have directly improved the quality of life for the disabled community. Technology that improves accessibility for people with disabilities generally falls into three categories: assistive technology; adaptive technology; and accessible technology. This session will explore these technologies. **Tuesday, Oct. 17**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: 2510 Oakmont Way, Eugene (McKenzie Room).

For more information, contact: Francisco García – Eugene Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, 541-684-2446.

Dirkse Counseling & Consulting, Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, Milt Wright & Associates, and DHS Employment First presents Amplify!, a free event designed to empower and encourage Oregon employers by helping them create a stronger workforce and community through improving disability inclusiveness in the workplace. The event includes: WINDMILLS – Changing The Perception of Ability – An interactive workshop; Oregon Diversity Challenge; Optional Disability Diversity Business Assessment & Training; and a breakfast

and networking time. Keynote speaker Richard Pimental is a nationally-recognized disability rights advocate, trainer, and speaker who was a strong advocate for the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. **Thursday, Oct. 19**, 8 to 11 a.m. Location: Nike WHQ - Victory Building, 15475 SW Koll Parkway, Beaverton. For more information, contact Cindy Bahl, 503-258-7715, info@amplifysuccess.org or register at: <https://amplifysuccess.org/>

Lane Community College is hosting three events for October:

- Disability History Exhibit: **Oct. 24-26, 2017**. Stop by the Center for Accessible Resources office to view an exhibit that traces many years of seldom-told disability related history. Location: 4000 E. 30th Ave, Eugene. Building 19, Room 265
- What can YOU do? Developing Skills for Employment: Panel, **Tuesday, Oct. 24**, 1-2 p.m. Location: 4000 E. 30th Ave, Eugene. Building 19, Room 260.
- Oregon Employment First Guest Speakers Acacia McGuire Anderson and Bradley Collins, **Wednesday, Oct. 25**, 1-2 p.m. Location: 4000 E. 30th Ave, Eugene. Building 19, Room 260.

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