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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, director of ODDS, and Trina Lee, director of VR

Re: [Employment First](#): Interim Employment First Coordinator

Announcement

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

Trina Lee, director of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), and I have been co-managing the Employment First (EF) team since Mike Maley retired at the end of December. With the Settlement Agreement now in place, we saw that the work of the EF Team needs to shift to coordinating with and among the program areas (ODDS, VR and the Oregon Department of Education) to ensure we are on track with the commitments we made in the Agreement.

With that in mind, we've asked Acacia McGuire Anderson to fill in as the Interim Employment First Coordinator effective February 1, 2016. Acacia's leadership on employment policy within ODDS and her work with both the EF and ODDS Employment teams provide a strong foundation for this move. This week we met with both the ODDS Employment team and the EF Team to let them know about this change.

Trina and I have also modified the Employment First Coordinator position description to bring the position under the ODDS Program Director, with shared accountability to the VR Program Director. As soon as we have approval on the reclassification of the position, we will post the position and initiate a national search for a permanent candidate. In the meantime, we are excited to have Acacia working with us in this expanded role as Employment First Coordinator.

Please join me in welcoming Acacia and offering support to her and her teams.

Sincerely,

Lilia Teninty

Director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services