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To: Employment First stakeholders

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Re: Employment First: New Employment Outcomes System

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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A new and improved [Employment Outcomes System](#) (EOS) website launched this week. EOS is one of the primary tools used by the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) to collect data from providers on employment outcomes. The website is at: <https://spdweb.hr.state.or.us/EOS/>

The new website is designed to give individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as other stakeholders, more information so they can make informed choices when choosing employment providers. New features of EOS include:

- Comprehensive and Support Services Waivers (brokerage and county) combined to give a better overall picture of the data;
- A provider contact page so that individuals can more easily access provider information; and
- Easy to navigate data tables that show employment outcomes by provider name or by county.

The purpose of this new EOS website is to give individuals more information about employment providers in their area. The expectation in Oregon is that every individual can work in a community job. It is important to find a provider that can help people to reach their employment goals. A great way for individuals to start is by researching employment service provider options.

Individuals can find information on providers in the EOS such as:

- The number of people served by providers in different employment settings, such as “Individual Supported Employment” and “Small Group Supported Employment.”
- The average number of hours people work per week; and
- The average wages people make per week who use the services of this employment provider.

Providers should also find a more streamlined system that is easier to navigate and input their data. As always, the EOS data is collected twice per year. The next EOS collection will start on May 2, 2016 (for March 2016 data). A training video for providers on how to use the new EOS website is [available online](#). A transmittal on EOS will be released soon.

The EOS only collects data from providers certified by ODDS. Providers who are only certified by Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) may not be included.

If you have any questions or comments about the new EOS website, please email the EOS web and data team at: employment.data@state.or.us

~ Acacia