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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: Employment First: Free Training Opportunity Ends in August

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

This message is a reminder about a free training open for a limited time that is open to all Agencies, Personal Support Worker Job Coaches, Independent Contractors, CDDPs and Brokerages.

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) has purchased a four-month subscription to the [Open Future Learning](#) (OFL) training service. OFL provides a variety of videos and training modules that are specifically related to topics about intellectual and developmental disabilities. The OFL service is available for free through August 31, 2020.

We still have more than 200 slots available for this free training. In addition, many staff that signed up have not used the training. Agencies should encourage their staff to create an OFL account (using the registration link that was issued to the program) and then actively participate in the trainings once the account is open. If agencies or programs have staff who have left or do not want to take the training, please notify ODDS so that slot can be opened up for others. We want to make sure that agencies are taking advantage of this time-limited opportunity before it goes away. Details are at:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/spd/transmit/ar/2020/ar20055.pdf>.

Thanks as always for your support in serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon.

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