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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: Employment First: Report for families and self-advocates published

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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I am excited to announce that the Employment First: Outcomes and Success report for October 2017 [is published online](#). This report highlights some of the outcomes and successes achieved toward the goal of increasing community jobs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). All the numbers included in this Outcomes and Success report are for clients in Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) for State Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). The goal of this report is to make our outcomes and successes easier to read and understand.

For several years in a row, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) has increased the number of people with I/DD getting integrated, community jobs. In addition, ODDS had a 32 percent increase in people working in jobs with supports from the previous year.

We highly encourage stakeholders, including providers, advocacy organizations, and staff, to share this report with families, individuals and others interested in Employment First. Copies of this report will also be available.

The Employment First: Outcomes and Successes report is available online with links accessible at the Employment First website under “Documents and Publications” at: <http://iworkwesucceed.org>.

The full link is: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT-FIRST/Documents/EF_Outcomes_Successes_October_2017.pdf

I want to thank everyone who is working hard to help improve employment services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

~ Acacia