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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Interim Employment First Coordinator

Re: [Employment First](#): Peer to Peer Mentoring Applications Open

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the Oregon Self-Advocacy Coalition (OSAC) are working on a peer-to-peer (P2P) education project called “P2P for Employment.” This project is funded by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and OCDD. The purpose of the P2P project is to educate, inspire and encourage people with developmental disabilities to succeed in their community employment goals. OSAC will hire eight peer mentors for this project.

We're hiring!

8 PEER TO PEER MENTORS

The purpose of the P2P project is to educate, inspire and encourage people to advance their employment goals.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Complete an 18 hour peer mentor training and ongoing trainings throughout the project.
- Request any needed accommodations.
- Communicate regularly with the Project Coordinator.
- Co-facilitate and lead P2P trainings in local communities.
- Develop personal employment story to share with peers.
- Assure that clear attendance sheets and evaluations are completed.
- Prepare for trainings and debriefs with co-trainers after each training.

QUALIFICATIONS:

You must be a person with disabilities who demonstrates the following, with or without support:

- Works or has worked at a regular job in the community.
- Enthusiasm and leadership for employment.
- Effective communication skills.
- Basic reading/writing skills or has support to monitor material and keep notes.
- Public speaking and an interest in teaching others.
- Time management skills.
- Follows directions and uses email.
- Is available to travel (sometimes overnight).
- Has attended a sheltered workshop, a day program or a supported classroom.
- Has a strong interest in helping others with disabilities get community jobs.

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 13th!

HOW TO APPLY:

Click the link below to fill out the application by May 13th, 2016 at 5pm.

The application includes questions about your work experiences and contact info. In the application, be sure to provide two references (one must include the name, phone number and email).

We will contact interviewees and hire peer mentors by the end of May!

FIND THE APPLICATION AT
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P2PApril2016>

Questions?
Call or email Riley at riley.newport@ocdd.org or 503-949-7003.

This project is a collaboration between the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), the Oregon Self-Advocacy Coalition (OSAC) and the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).

Applications are now open for people with developmental disabilities to apply to work as peer mentors for this project. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 13, 2016. The application is [available online](#).

In this project, peer mentors are people with developmental disabilities experienced with the employment process and working at a regular job in the community. Peer mentors will teach their peers and provide support to help them reach a personal employment goal. After completing the 18-hour training, peer mentors will work up to 20 hours per month. Schedules will vary depending on project activities.

A summary of the project activities:

- OSAC will hire eight peer mentors to provide peer support and mentoring to groups of peers in four local communities.
- The local communities will likely be in the Portland metro, Eugene and Bend areas. This will limit transportation time and costs and allow fine-tuning of the curriculum and implementation.
- Peer mentors will be hired as employees of OSAC and will earn \$13 per hour.

- Project consultants developed the curriculum and an evaluation plan.
- Project staff and consultants will train the peer mentors and provide ongoing co-facilitation, support and consultation to help mentors educate their peers and provide support to those interested in pursuing competitive employment.
- OCDD and OSAC will conduct ongoing evaluation activities throughout the project and use this data to make decisions, improve the project and seek additional funding from multiple sources for expansion to additional communities.

The project flyer and the application is attached.

If you have comments or other questions, please email them to employment.first@state.or.us

~ Acacia