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**To: Employment First stakeholders**

**From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator**

**Re: Employment First: Provider Training & Technical Assistance**

**Opportunity**

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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I'm excited to announce a unique opportunity for employment providers in Oregon to receive training and technical assistance from their peers.

Qualified Medicaid providers with an employment endorsement (or providers in the process of getting an employment endorsement) can now apply for training and technical assistance on topics including Discovery, Job Development, Budgeting, Business Operation, Job Development Modeling, Rule Compliance, Behavioral Support, and Protocol Development.

The technical assistance will be provided by peer providers (Medicaid agencies in Oregon) who have already applied and been approved by ODDS to be a technical assistance provider of employment-related services. Applicants will be matched with appropriate technical assistance providers by topic and region.

Providers have been asking for a while for an opportunity to have this kind of peer-to-peer training and shadowing opportunity. We hope to receive many applications for technical assistance.

The Information Memorandum and form to apply for technical assistance are online at: <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/spd/transmit/im/2019/im19021.pdf>. The deadline to apply if you want to receive training and technical assistance is June 17, 2019.

~ Acacia