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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Mike Maley, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: Employment First: New Supported Employment Page

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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There is a new web page with information on employment services offered by the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS). We encourage everyone to share this page widely: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/employment/employment-first/Pages/supported-employment.aspx>. It includes fact sheets on employment services, with user-friendly examples of how these services work.

In addition, Employment First and ODDS worked with the [Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition](#) (OSAC) and [Family and Community Together](#) (FACT) on an [infographic](#) to visually display ODDS employment services. We'd like to thank OSAC and FACT for their hard work and feedback on this infographic, which is attached to this email and also available on the [website](#). We hope that it helps to communicate widely with individuals and families the many options available around integrated employment services. We want to continue this type of collaboration with stakeholders like OSAC and FACT going forward to create more visually dynamic communications.

Thank you all for your continued involvement, support, and advocacy for services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon. If you have comments or other questions, please email them to employment.first@state.or.us.

~ Mike