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**To: Employment First stakeholders**

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**Re: Employment First: Update on DHS Transformation Grants**

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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In early 2015, the Department of Human Services (DHS) issued transformation grants to 25 facility-based providers of employment and day services. The goal was to help these organizations transform their business models to become supported employment providers.



Slide from Transformation Infographic

Living Opportunities, Inc. of Medford and the Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WiSE) have served as the training and technical assistance

contractors to work with the providers.

In the coming months, we will have a series of messages and stories to help tell the story of transformation: the obstacles, struggles and victories these providers have encountered during their journey to transform their business model from facility-based services to community-based, integrated employment service providers.

As an introduction to this series of communications, we wanted to share the attached infographic with you created by WiSE with input from Living Opportunities. Visually this gives a high-level overview of some of the components of transformation.

In the next three months, look for more detailed communications, including vignettes told in the provider's own words about their business transformation.

If you have comments or other questions, please email them to [employment.first@state.or.us](mailto:employment.first@state.or.us)

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