

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Attached is this week's ODDS status report

Community Forums bring out lively discussions

I have been traveling the state holding community forums to discuss the vision for the future of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ensuring the principles of self-determination is the core of our vision. We have had forums in Salem, Corvallis, Medford, and last week, we were in La Grande.

More than 70 people came out for the La Grande forums -- including people with developmental disabilities, their families, providers, service coordinators, county staff and others attended. It was a lively and engaged discussion.

We had questions about job opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With the right job match and support people can work successfully in community jobs. It is vital that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are fully engaged in their communities with all the rights and responsibilities enjoyed by all Oregonians.

There were also questions about in-home services, workforce retention, provider capacity, training for personal support workers and how people can get services. We will be sharing feedback from all of the forums and providing them on our website.

I want to thank everyone who has come to our Community Forums. It was wonderful and beneficial to me and our staff to have these conversations with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and the providers that work with them.

Additional Community Forums are now being planned for the Portland metro area in October. There will be information on our [website](#) when plans are finalized

Home and Community-Based Services Educational Forums coming to Eugene and Portland next week

The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority is hosting Educational Forums to discuss upcoming changes to federal and state requirements for people who receive services in their home and in community-based settings.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, providers and advocates are invited. These forums are targeted to people over age 18 and the service providers supporting people over the age of 18. Forums will be offered to children's providers and guardians later in 2015.

The Eugene forum will be Monday, Sept. 28 at Lane Community College, Building 19, Room 102, 40000 E. 30th Ave.

There will be both an afternoon and evening session, each covering the same material:

- Afternoon session is from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Evening session is from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The Portland forum will be Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Ambridge Event Center, Sellwood Room, 1333 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland.

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For Information on HCBS: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/HCBS/Pages/Resources-Oregon.aspx>

Transmittals for the week of September 21, 2015

POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) Video Information Memorandum: New educational video describing POLST the continuum of long term care:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/spd/transmit/im/2015/im15072.pdf>.

Thank you for all of your hard work,

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