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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

CDDP and Brokerage directors: Please share this message with your staff.



The Compass Project launched in fall 2017 with a big goal: Reorient the DD system toward our North Star of person-centered planning. It's time for another update on this crucial project. The Compass Project is an important tool in helping us achieve our [strategic plan](#). This update discusses the needs assessment and service groups.

The Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA)

The federal government requires a functional needs assessment for each person we support. The Oregon Legislature told ODDS to create and use a single assessment. Having one assessment will help make access to supports less confusing. The new assessment is called the Oregon Needs Assessment, or ONA.

We've been using the ONA for a year. During this time, we gathered data to make sure the ONA is working correctly, that the people who conduct the assessments are trained and become skilled, and that we get consistent results. We had planned to start using ONA results to make decisions about services and payments this summer; that is delayed until sometime in 2020.

Service group development

ODDS contracted with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to develop service groupings from the ONA data. HSRI used ONA results to group people according to their level of need. Stakeholders tested the results by reviewing case records. They confirmed HSRI’s process grouped and assigned most people to the appropriate service group.

Improvement was needed in two areas: people with extraordinary behaviors and children ages 0-3 with complex medical needs. HSRI worked with ODDS, case management entities and other stakeholders to collect more data and do further data analyses.

Service Group Framework:

Adult 18+	Adolescent 12 - 17	Child 4 - 11	Infant/Toddler 0 - 3
Very Low	Very Low	Very Low to Low	Infant/Toddler Supports
Low	Low		
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	
High	High	High to Very High	
Very High	Very High		

Throughout this work, HSRI reviewed its progress and proposed improvements to the ODDS Vision Advisory Committee. The service group work is now complete.

It’s time to set the range of in-home service hours for each service group. This step will bring back diverse stakeholder groups to help us develop that structure.

Please note that no one’s services change due to the ONA and service groups this year. At some point in 2020, the ONA may change the number of hours of service people receive who live at home, or the amount of funding a provider organization gets to support people.

We’re getting closer to this important change in Oregon’s I/DD system. We want to make sure people are aware of the change, how it affects them, what their role is, and what to do if they don’t agree. To that end, we are

also working with stakeholders to develop a transparent process to share information about the ONA and the service groups.

To those who have participated in this important work so far, and to those who will in the future, I thank you for your involvement in this crucial work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lilia".

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