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To: All ODDS Staff, CDDPs and Brokerages

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

Subject: U.S. Senate Committee on Finance release investigation report

Please note that a message for the public and stakeholders will be released tomorrow. It will be translated and include information on how to report abuse.

Today, the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance release a report on its investigation into care provided by MENTOR Oregon. Links to a story in The Oregonian/oregonlive.com and the report are listed below.

This is an opportunity to remind everyone that abuse and neglect should never happen to anyone, including those who rely on the state's system of supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Providers play a vital role in supporting people with I/DD, including protecting their health and safety, and need to stay vigilant at all times to ensure abuse doesn't happen. We at ODDS will continue to hold providers accountable if they do not meet that requirement.

Oregon's system supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) is built on critical partnerships. Together, the state, local governments, non-profits, provider agencies, self-advocates and families help persons experiencing I/DD to live successfully in their communities. We all must do our part to keep people healthy and safe.

The Oregonian story: [Oregon developmental disabilities company repeatedly failed vulnerable Oregonians, U.S. Senate investigation finds](#)

The report: [Life at Cypress House: An Examination of Care Provided by MENTOR Oregon](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
Director
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