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To: ODDS Stakeholders (CMEs and Providers: Please share this message with people in services)

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

Subject: Assistance in case of an emergency

This message is to make sure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), family members, providers and case management entities are aware of resources available in case of an emergency.

Oregon is having a tough wildfire season, as well as periods of unprecedented heat. Case Management Entities (CMEs) should follow their emergency plans related to heat, fires and possible outages and continue to assist individuals and families in completing or amending their emergency plans as necessary. CMEs also should communicate with their [local emergency operation centers](#) in case of an emergency. Providers should also follow their emergency plans and make sure everyone in services are aware of the plans.

ODDS recently did a message on [extreme heat](#), with included resources and a list of local emergency centers. If you are in an area near an active fire, or are concerned about smoke and safety concerns, please reach out to your case manager (Services Coordinator or Personal Agent) right away to discuss a safety plan and resources available through developmental disabilities services.

Please know the health and safety of people with I/DD are top priority for us. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your case manager or provider if you have concerns. Make sure you have a plan in place for an emergency and have talked about that plan with your loved ones and people on your support team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" that loops around the first few letters.

Lilia Teninty
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