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To: ODDS staff and Stakeholders in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties

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

A new Community Developmental Disabilities Program (CDDP) will soon serve people in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties.

This change is happening because Mid-Columbia Center for Living is terminating its contract with the state to be the CDDP.

### **What doesn't change**

This decision does not change direct services for anyone. That means that any I/DD provider a person uses will not change. The PSW, residential provider, employment provider, etc., will continue to provide services.

### **Making the change**

Making changes in which agency serves as a CDDP doesn't happen very often. When it does, we work to ensure a smooth transition to a new CDDP for the individuals and their families currently served, as well as for the providers supporting those individuals.

When a CDDP terminates its contract with the state, we identify potential replacements and begin working on a new contract. We have identified qualified agencies to serve as the new CDDP for the area. We anticipate a decision by mid-September, with a quick transition soon thereafter.

We will provide an update on the new CDDP soon. In the meantime, all services and contacts for services remain the same.

Sincerely,

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Lilia Teninty  
Director  
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