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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

Subject: Governor's Recommended Budget for I/DD Services

Governor Kate Brown recently released her recommended budget for the 2021-2023 biennium.

The governor's budget for ODDS:

- protects current eligibility criteria and service levels for individuals in need of I/DD services.
- invests just over \$34 million to transition from the old provider rate structure and current assessment instruments, to the new service groups based on the Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA) and new rate model payment.
- continues cuts made during the 2020 Special Session, including the elimination of Family-to-Family Networks and the elimination of funding for the statewide case management information technology system.
- includes funding to provide greater language access for ODDS services.

The 2021-23 Governor's Budget for ODDS is \$3,589.3 million total funds, a 16.4 percent increase from the 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget.

The state's financial picture looks more promising than it did in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. This budget does continue some reductions to very important services, which were invaluable to families. At the same time, this budget makes it possible to maintain services and make investments for the people we support and the I/DD system.

A [condensed budget summary](#) is available in addition to the Governor's full strategic budget at budget.oregon.gov.

The governor's budget is one step in a lengthy process. In January, the Legislature will begin the difficult work of developing what will become the final, Legislatively Approved Budget (LAB). There will be many opportunities for I/DD advocates, stakeholders and providers to give input to legislators throughout the session. I look forward to working with you throughout this process and I will provide you with information as we learn more.

Sincerely,

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

Lilia Teninty
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