

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

Disability Rights Oregon has sued the Oregon Department of Human Services and the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services.

Going through a lawsuit can be disconcerting so we want to give you some basic information and guidance.

First, here is the statement we have provided to journalists who have asked for a response:

We are unable to comment on pending lawsuits.

The vision of services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the state is to have a system of supports that are easy to use and responsive to the strengths, needs and direction of the people and families who live as valued members of their community.

ODDS is working with its community partners, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to improve and combine the various tools used to assess people's needs into one tool that is simple to use, informs support plans and guides service authorization.

We also provided journalists this link to the ODDS website that explains the assessment and service authorization changes ODDS instituted.

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/Oregon-Assessment-Changes.aspx>)

Second, you will wonder if this impacts your work today. At this point, it does not. If decisions are made to make additional changes to our processes, changes will be widely communicated.

Lastly, I want to reiterate my respect for the work you do every day for the individuals we support. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
Lilia

Lilia Teninty
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