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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders, including individuals and families  
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services  
Subject: ODDS School Guidance

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services recognizes the difficulty of juggling school, in-home services, and family and work life during the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, ODDS has released [new guidance](#) to help families of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and the professionals that support them understand the role of ODDS-funded services during the 2020-21 school year.

The guidance includes information on attendant care during the school day. As a reminder, ODDS-funded services cannot be used for educational assistance, instruction or services included in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), whether at home or at the school. This is a federal restriction on Medicaid services provided through ODDS, not a state or ODDS regulation. However, we know this isn't a typical school year. The guidance document outlines how attendant care supports can be used during the school day during these challenging times.

For questions about special education services and advocacy support, individuals and parents/guardians are encouraged to reach out to the child's IEP team, their district's special education director, or [FACT Oregon](#).

Services Coordinators/Personal Agents and other Case Management Entity staff can contact Carrie Salehiamin, [carrie.a.salehiamin@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:carrie.a.salehiamin@dhsosha.state.or.us)

We appreciate everything families and providers are doing during these challenging times.

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.

Lilia Teninty  
Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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