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To: ODDS Stakeholders
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Staffing Support Contract

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) continues to look at ways to make sure we are doing everything possible to keep people with intellectual and developmental disabilities safe if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in a household.

As part of these ongoing efforts, ODDS will soon issue a Request for Applications (RFA) for providers to work with people who are suspected, presumptive or positive for COVID-19 or have lost staff due to COVID-19. Because of this urgent need for staffing support, providers who are interested can contact Heather Smith, HEATHER.M.SMITH@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Providers are being sought to provide Direct Support Professional (DSP) staff in personal homes, 24-hour group homes and foster homes as identified by ODDS for individuals who are suspected, presumptive or have tested positive for the COVID-19 or who have lost staff due to COVID-19. In addition, any providers that have a vacant home that they own or rent to temporarily house people for at least six months are also invited to apply.

For this RFA, ODDS will pay provider a rate of \$1,600 per week for each designated DSP. If the provider is providing a vacant home, ODDS will pay the rental amount up to a maximum of \$3,000 per month for the identified home.

The RFA will be open to any current ODDS providers, or any agency/organization willing to become eligible to receive Medicaid funding and provide services in Oregon.

The details of this RFA will be posted soon at: <http://orpin.oregon.gov>.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep yourself, your family and Oregonians with I/DD safe and healthy during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lilia".

Lilia Teninty
Director
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