

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Attached is this week's ODDS status report

October celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This is a time to stop and think about the many Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the contributions they make to the workplace and to our communities. The theme this year — which marks 70 years since the first observance — is "My Disability is One Part of Who I Am."

In Oregon we believe that people with disabilities should have the opportunity to have choices about their employment in an integrated community workplace. Everyone has something to contribute, and people are healthier, safer and happiest when they are engaged in meaningful work.

Work is at the core of how most of us spend our time. It helps a person access the full benefits of citizenship, including economic self-sufficiency, independence, personal growth and self-esteem. With the right support, integrated employment is possible for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to work.

There are many resources available to help people with intellectual and development disabilities find meaningful jobs, such as: Discovery, Job Development; Job Coaching; Small Group Supported Services; and Employment Path Services programs. To learn more check out the [Employment First](#) website.

Also, please join us in celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month on Friday, Oct. 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby

of the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building, 500 Summer St. NE, Salem. The event includes speakers, informational booths and cake. I will kick off the event by reading the [Governor's Proclamation](#) Also speaking will be: Trina Lee, Vocational Rehabilitation Director; a local employer; and an individual who experiences a disability.

Educational Forums in Gresham and Salem to discuss changes coming to Home and Community-Based Services and Supports

The forums are open to all interested people with a focus on guardians and providers of services to children age 17 or younger receiving services in a Medicaid funded, residential service setting, such as foster care or 24-hour residential service settings. No registration is required.

There will be a presentation about Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), regulatory changes and upcoming surveys directly followed by a group discussion. Agency staff will be available to answer questions and offer guidance.

The Gresham forums will be Monday Oct. 19 at the Multnomah County East Building, Sharron Kelley Rooms A and B, 600 NE 8th St., Gresham.

There will be two sessions covering the same information:

- 12:30 to 3 p.m.
- 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The Salem forums will be Friday, Oct. 23 at Marion County Developmental Disabilities, Conference Rooms A and B, 2421 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem.

There will be two sessions covering the same information:

- 1:30 to 4 p.m.
- 5:30 to 8 p.m.

For Information on all of the HCBS Educational Forums:

<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/HCBS/Documents/Kids%20Regional%20Forums%20Oct-Nov%202015%20dates-locations.pdf>

Transmittals for the weeks of Sept. 28 – Oct. 16

- Policy Transmittal on Process for Determining Rates for ALF and RCF Settings Through DD Funding
- Policy Transmittal on Career Development Plans and Decision not to Explore Employment
- New Process for PASRR II Respite stays at SNF/IFCs
- Assistive Devices and Technology worker
- Plan of Care Authorization for Sheltered Workshop Support Alone is Insufficient to Continue After July 1, 2015
- Loss of Medicaid Eligibility

To read all the transmittals:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/spd/transmit/transmit.htm>.

Thank you for all of your hard work,

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