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To: ODDS Stakeholders

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

Subject: Mentor ending services in Oregon

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) was recently notified that The Mentor Network will end services in Oregon by August 31, 2021. ODDS and Mentor Oregon are working collaboratively to make sure there is minimal disruption to services and supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Mentor is a large provider that has been in Oregon for many years and currently offers brokerage, residential and employment services to more than 1,300 individuals.

We are grateful for the interest we have received from providers who want to ensure that people supported by Mentor Oregon will continue to have access to services. At this time, we ask that interested agencies contact Mentor Oregon directly to explore possible business agreements for residential and employment services.

ODDS is working to identify new and existing Brokerages to continue to provide this important service in the Portland metro area and mid-Willamette Valley region. Creating the availability of additional brokerage services in these areas will happen over the next few months and information will be shared as it becomes available. If you have already contacted us about this opportunity, please wait for further information. Our goal is that those served through Mentor Oregon Brokerages will be able to choose case management services from another case management entity, including another Brokerage or a Community Developmental Disabilities Program (CDDP).

Thank you to all providers and the I/DD community for coming together to make sure people have access to quality services and supports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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