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To: ODDS Stakeholders

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

Subject: 2021-23 Legislative Budget

This message provides a brief update on the 2021-23 budget and legislation for ODDS.

Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Director Fariborz Pakseresht issued a [message](#) summarizing the overall DHS budget, which is included in this message.

The 2021-23 legislatively approved budget allocates \$1.24 billion General Fund to ODDS. This allocation is about 20 percent above the 2019-21 legislatively adopted budget (LAB) and more than 10 percent increase over 2021-23 current service levels (CSL) in total funds.

A [detailed message on rates](#) went out June 28. In addition to the new rates for providers, additional investments made in 2021-23 include:

- **Diversity, equity and inclusion:** More than \$1 million investment to reduce or eliminate language access barriers and increase communications for individuals with I/DD and families.
- **Licensing staff:** Funding and position authority for 19 positions in the Licensing and Quality Improvement unit to meet growing workload demands and to ensure Oregon meets federal timelines for licensure visitations and investigations of neglect and abuse.
- **Family-to-Family Networks.** Provides \$1.4 million General Fund to restore this program to the 2019-21 funding level, adjusted for inflation.

- **Study of CDDP Funding Structure.** Provides funding for ODDS to contract for a study to identify, and make recommendation for, an improved funding structure for Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDPs).
- Approval of ODDS' plan for **10 percent enhanced federal funding** from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Bills introduced by ODDS that passed during session include:

- HB 2105: Requires school districts to provide children and parents with information, training, and resources regarding supported decision making at Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. Supported decision-making allows persons with a disability to choose trusted others, often family members, to support them in making their own decisions.
- SB 86: Gives the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services the authority to consider the performance of a provider or provider agency who has operated a program or setting in another state outside of Oregon by aligning the statutory language for residential training homes and facilities to be consistent with the statute for adult foster homes.
- SB 88: Corrects references to certain Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDP) functions from ORS 430.664 to ORS 430.662 that were made inaccurate upon the passage of SB 20 during the 2019 legislative session.
- SB 89: During the 2017 session, Senate Bill 243 expanded the definition of "Child in Care" to include children residing in a certified foster home or developmental disabilities residential facility. SB 89 clarifies that developmental disability residential facilities refers to children who are 17 years of age or under.
- SB 90: Protects the addresses of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who reside in in adult foster homes, residential training facilities and residential training homes from disclosure pursuant to a public records request unless disclosure is in the public interest.

This budget and bills will help us to continue our work to align our services toward our goal of having a person-centered system.

Thank you all for your advocacy and support of Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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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