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August 9, 2021

To: ODDS Stakeholders

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

Subject: Blueprint Project Focus Groups

In April, I gave an [update](#) on the Blueprint Project, our efforts to improve to improve case management in Oregon.

The next step in this process is partnering with community organizations and advocacy groups to pull together focus groups of self-advocates and family members to gather feedback on Blueprint Project recommendations. We want to reach people we don't always hear from and make sure all voices have an opportunity to be heard. It is critical we hear directly from people in services and their family members.

What we learn from these sessions will be used to work with the Blueprint Project stakeholder group to finalize recommendations.

If you are a person, group, partnership, or organization with strong ties to the developmental disability community and one or more priority populations (e.g., Oregon Tribal Nations, Latino/x community, Black/African American community, LGBTQIA+ community, people of color, rural Oregonians), please consider applying. We are asking grantees to host and facilitate a virtual focus group for 5-20 individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and/or their family members. Details of the process and funding are in the attached announcement and [online](#). If you

are interested your agency/group must submit the attached application, by August 30, 2021.

Please spread the word to any groups or community organizations that may be interested in this opportunity.

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  
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Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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