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September 3, 2021

To: ODDS Stakeholders
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Blueprint Project Focus Group Application Extended

Are you interested in improving case management supports in Oregon? If so, please consider hosting a Blueprint Project focus group and applying for \$2,000 to fund your efforts. We have extended the deadline for your agency/group to apply to Sept. 20, 2021.

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 facilitate focus groups of self-advocates and family members and gather feedback on Blueprint Project recommendations.

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.

We want to reach people we don't always hear from and make sure all voices have an opportunity to be heard. 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 project description and [online](#). If you are interested, your agency/group must submit the attached application by September 20, 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 that reads "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
Director
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