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To: ODDS Staff and Partners
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) and Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator
Subject: National Disability Employment Awareness Month Webinars

<p>Save the Dates!</p> <p>National Disability Employment Awareness Month Webinar Series</p> <p>Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 from noon to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment Innovations in the time of COVID: Oct. 5• Youth Employment Journey During COVID: Oct. 12• Maximizing Hours: How to Navigate Services: Oct. 19• Workforce Recovery: Powered by Inclusion: Oct. 26	<p>Hosted by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oregon Department of Human Services• Oregon Commission for the Blind• Oregon Department of Education	<p>A series of free weekly Lunch & Learn webinars will be held in October to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).</p>
<p>Sessions will be accessible for people with disabilities. Captioning and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided. For questions about accessibility, or to request an accommodation, contact DD.DirectorsOffice@dhs.oregon.state.us. Requests should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the webinars.</p>	<p>To register visit:</p> <p>https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602762653?pwd=VnZFSGEwSkc5c0Q3WTIxaTAxQ0FEUT09</p>	<p>The theme for NDEAM 2021, “America’s Recovery: Powered by</p>

Inclusion,” reflects the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have full access to employment and community involvement during the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

People with disabilities were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and lost their employment at a higher rate than their peers without disabilities. Oregonians with disabilities, employers and experts will share their stories and resources for successful employment.

Hosted by the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Oregon Commission for the Blind and the Oregon Department of Education, these weekly webinars will be held virtually from **noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday in October, starting October 5.**

The following are details on how to join the webinar series:

- Register in advance for any sessions at:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602762553?pwd=VnZFSGEwSkc5c0Q3WTIxaTAxQ0FEUT09>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Live captioning link: <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=DHSOHA>

Series subjects and schedule:

Tuesday, October 5

Employment Innovations in the time of COVID-19

Tuesday, October 12

Youth Employment Journey

Tuesday, October 19:

Maximizing Hours: How to Navigate Services

Tuesday, October 26

Workforce Recovery: Powered by Inclusion (panel with business leaders)

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Attached to this message is the Governor's proclamation announcing October as National Disability Employment Awareness month. **Also attached is a flyer for the event and a social media card that can be shared on your channels. Please share widely!**

Thank you for your work and for supporting Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

Lilia and Acacia

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