



The Compass Project
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To: ODDS Staff and Partners (**CMEs and Providers**, please share with those who receive I/DD services and their families. Thank you.)
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
Subject: Compass Project service group assignments

Next week, ODDS is sending important letters via the U.S. Postal Service that will announce the next step in the Compass Project: service group assignments.

The Compass Project: Your Choice. Your path. Your future.

ODDS created the Compass Project to improve the way people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) participate in services. The project is committed to providing:

- Information that is easy to find and easy to understand.
- A planning process that is simple and flexible.
- Services and a support plan that are designed with you.

Service groups and new rates

The Compass Project's first step was creating the Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA). Assessors and case managers use the ONA to ask questions and get information about a person's support needs.

The next step is learning which service group a person has been assigned to. Service groups are based on a person's age and support needs.

Next week, ODDS is sending letters in the mail to those who receive the following services: adult group homes, day support activities and employment. The letters will inform people which service group they belong to. On July 1, ODDS will implement new rates for those services that are based upon a person's service group. **Please note:** For those receiving letters next week, their service group does not affect the services they receive. Their service group assignment only affects how ODDS pays service providers.

ODDS staff and I realize that change can be scary and difficult. Whether you're a case manager, provider, parent, guardian or someone who receives services, we are committed to supporting you through this and future changes every step of the way.

Compass Project resources

- Resources for Individuals and Families: <https://go.usa.gov/xz2Az>.
- Resources for Case Managers and Providers: <https://go.usa.gov/xz2AS>.
- Compass Project Training Center — View past trainings and schedule of upcoming trainings: <https://go.usa.gov/xz2sr>.

“Compass Overview” training

- This training will provide those with I/DD and their families a general understanding of the Compass Project and how it will affect them.
- When: 6 to 7:30 p.m. March 16
- Where: Join via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/346jWMJ>.

Please make use of these resources. We also notified your case managers and providers about these changes. We encourage you to talk with your case manager regularly so they can help you with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tilia".

Lilia Teninty
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