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To: Community Developmental Disabilities Programs and Brokerages
(Please share this message with those who receive I/DD services and their families.)

Subject: Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder subcommittee openings

The Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder (OCASD) seeks subcommittee members that represent the state's intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) community. OCASD's mission is to help autistic Oregonians and their families lead rich and fulfilling lives by working to improve the services and supports they need.

There are open positions for autistic individuals and their family members, caregivers, providers and social service professionals. The commission encourages applications from those with a diversity of perspectives including people of color, LGBTQIA2S+ persons and those in rural communities.

OCASD hopes applicants will be able to engage the issues that really matter to them. If you don't have time to participate in meetings, the commission would like to hear about what's working for you, what's not working and what you need at staff@orcommissionasd.org.

Subcommittees with openings

- [Navigating Life with ASD](#): Family members and autistic adults need effective support to navigate the range of services and supports scattered across the health care, education and social service systems. This subcommittee focuses on helping families and autistic individuals plan for their needs by ensuring a comprehensive and coordinated navigation of these services throughout the lifespan.

- [Social Services and Adult Supports](#): This subcommittee's first priority is to determine how well state and private services meet the social service and support needs of children, families and adults. Some areas of focus include community engagement, transportation, housing, personal care and employment.
- [Professional Training](#): This committee works to help people with autism realize their maximum potential by ensuring that professionals, autistic self-advocates and families with autistic children have sufficient knowledge of the human behavioral sciences to understand the challenges that those with autism experience.

To apply, ask questions, share comments or seek more information, go to <https://www.orcommissionasd.org/Page/49> or email staff@orcommissionasd.org. The application deadline is April 30.

Sincerely,

Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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