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To: All ODDS staff, partners

From: Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: Message from ODDS: You are invited to a weekly webinar series celebrating 32nd anniversary of Americans With Disabilities Act

Please review this webinar series invitation that we're forwarding from the Oregon Disabilities Commission, Northwest ADA Center and Disability Rights Oregon. ODDS will be represented at the July 12 presentation by Statewide Employment First Coordinator Special Projects Unit Manager Acacia McGuire Anderson.

Dear Friends,

As announced earlier this month, the Oregon Disabilities Commission, Northwest ADA Center and Disability Rights Oregon will host a Lunch and Learn webinar series in July in recognition and celebration of the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Everyone who is interested is invited to these sessions, which will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pacific Time on Tuesdays throughout July.

We are pleased to announce this year's webinar series speakers, who were selected for their knowledge, experience and advocacy in providing quality services for people with disabilities.

July 5: Intersections and Conflicts - The ADA and Impacts of COVID-19 Protocols

- **Emily Cooper**, Disability Rights Oregon Legal Director
- **Joannie Tang**, Advocate

- **Tina Pinedo**, Disability Rights Oregon Communications Director

July 12: Caregiver Workforce Shortages - Consumers Scramble for In-Home Services

- **Acacia McGuire Anderson**, Oregon Developmental Disability Services Statewide Employment First Coordinator Special Projects Unit Manager
- **Cheryl Miller**, Oregon Home Care Commission Executive Director
- **Bhagavati**, Aging and People with Disabilities Workforce Resilience Analyst
- **Theresa Powell**, Aging and People with Disabilities Community Services and Supports Unit Operations and Policy Analyst
- **David Scott Vining**, Oregon Home Care Commission Program Analyst

July 19: Dangerous Assumptions - Understanding Audism and Changing Perspectives About Communication

- **Chris Mortenson**, Partnerships in Community Living Employment Specialist
- **Joanna Wilson**, Advocate
- **Korian “Koko” DeMont Thomas**, Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Response and Recovery Equity and Accessibility Unit Operations and Policy Analyst

July 26: Evolution of the ADA - Past, Present, and Future

- **Dr. James "Jim" Davis**, Advocate
- **Max Brown**, Aging and People with Disabilities Long-Term Care Services and Supports Section Operations and Policy Analyst
- **Ray Petty**, National Advocate

Please register in advance through the [event web page on Zoom](#). More information about the series will be provided on the [Oregon Department of Human Services ADA event web page](#).

The series will be accessible to people with disabilities and will be translated into Spanish. Captioning and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided. For questions about accessibility, or to request an accommodation, contact OregonDisabilities.Commission@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Please share this email and the attached flyers — which are in English, Spanish, Russian, Somali and Vietnamese, to help us spread the word about this valuable series.

We're looking forward to seeing you online for the events!

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