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To: ODDS participants, partners and staff
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Celebrating Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week

All of us at ODDS are grateful to the Oregon direct support professionals (DSPs), personal support workers, direct support crisis specialists and health crisis technicians who provide services throughout the state. Thank you for your vital contributions!

You are the backbone of our system. We could not provide essential services to more than 30,000 Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) without your commitment and compassion.

September 11–17 is Oregon Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week. Governor Kate Brown issued this [proclamation to honor Oregon's I/DD direct support workforce](#). Please know: Our gratitude extends far beyond the confines of this week.

Your dedication has been unwavering through trying circumstances with the pandemic, staffing shortages, extreme weather and other challenges. Your contributions, skills and expertise improve the lives of so many Oregonians. I know you go above and beyond in ways that are unknown by others. Thank you!

I recognize and appreciate all that you do. Your passion for providing person-center services is an inspiration.

Sincerely,



Lilia Teninty
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