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To: I/DD community and Tribal partners
From: Anna Lansky, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Interim deputy director named

I am pleased to announce that Acacia McGuire Anderson will serve as interim deputy director of ODDS starting next month. Acacia will be a great partner to me in leading ODDS and supporting our management team and staff while ODHS searches for a permanent director to replace Lilia Teninty, who is leaving Nov. 10.

Acacia joined ODDS in 2013 as the diagnosis and evaluation coordinator. In 2014, she became the ODDS manager for eligibility and employment. In 2016, shortly after the “Lane v Brown” settlement agreement was reached, she accepted the role of Employment First coordinator. In this role, Acacia worked across Vocational Rehabilitation, the Oregon Department of Education and other partners to enhance opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to seek competitive integrated employment. With the support of many, Acacia was able to oversee the settlement agreement and maintained substantial compliance until its on-time [dismissal](#) on Aug. 12, 2022.

In addition to her work as the Employment First coordinator, in 2020 Acacia began managing special projects, including the project management and implementation of the ODDS COVID-19 response plan.

Acacia will continue the Employment First coordinator work for the interim, but she will be seeking assistance within her team for some additional leadership.

Thank you to Acacia for agreeing to step into this key leadership role.

Sincerely,

Anna Lansky
Interim Director
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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