

Developmental Disabilities Services

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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Subject: Assessment Pilot Project

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services(ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

ODDS will soon be piloting the new Oregon Needs Assessment tool in five counties across the state.

The ReBAR assessment unit will be training services coordinators, personal agents, and regional staff in Washington, Marion, Lane, Deschutes and Klamath Counties in March 2016. The services coordinators and personal agents (along with ReBAR and regional staff) will conduct the new assessment tool for all of the individuals who would be receiving an annual assessment during the six week period between March 16th and April 30th 2016. The pilot will be testing the assessment to determine if it produces valid and reliable results and will not affect any funding or resource allocation. The pilot will also help determine which elements of the new tool will be useful for service planning.

The new tool will be used to meet the requirements of the annual Level of Care (LOC) assessment, the Risk Identification Tool (RIT), and the annual needs assessment. Because it will not have a rate setting mechanism attached during the pilot project -- those who need to have their rates adjusted may also receive an additional assessment for funding. Those participating in the pilot will not need to complete an annual LOC or RIT.

During the pilot, ODDS and Mission Analytics (the contractor hired to conduct the validity and reliability testing) will be continuing to receive feedback from stakeholders concerning the new tool and will be surveying those who have participated in the pilot. The new Oregon Needs Assessment will continue to be revised based on the feedback from participants and the analysis of data collected to measure validity and reliability. Beginning in the summer of 2016, ODDS will begin testing the tool to determine appropriate resource allocation algorithms for the tool.

ODDS plans on beginning to use the new needs assessment for resource allocation (as well as meeting the service planning needs, and the LOC and RIT requirements) beginning in January 2017 for those in DD50 residential homes and using it for the other service elements soon after.

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