

## Community Message

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**Date:** July 20, 2026

**To:** I/DD community members and ODDS staff

**From:** Acacia McGuire Anderson, Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

**Subject:** **Children's transportation services clarification**

Hello there,

I have news for the entire community. The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is hosting two public meetings about children's transportation this month. I invite you to join us.

These meetings will be most important for:

- Teenagers who get in-home supports
- Parents and guardians of children who get in-home supports
- Anyone interested in children's transportation

At the meetings, you will:

- Learn about our transportation policies for children from ODDS leadership
- Hear about related challenges that we have heard from community members
- Have a chance to share your feedback, ideas, and solutions

## **Why is ODDS talking about children's transportation now?**

We've heard from parents and partners about confusion over children's transportation. We want to know more about what works or doesn't work for you. At the meeting, we'll listen to your feedback and ideas.

Then, we'll review the policy for children's transportation. We'll look for ways to make changes that address your challenges and feedback. Once we decide what to do, we'll let the community know what action we're taking. We'll explain why we did or did not make changes.

## **When and where are the meetings? How do I sign up to attend?**

The meetings are virtual on Zoom.

We are hosting two meetings. You only need to attend one.

### **Evening meeting option**

- **Date:** July 30

- **Time:** 6 to 8 p.m. PDT
- **Register to attend:** Please [fill out this form to register](#). When you submit the form, Zoom will send you an email with the link to join the meeting.

### Morning meeting option

- **Date:** July 31
- **Time:** 9 to 11 a.m. PDT
- **Register to attend:** Please [fill out this form to register](#). When you submit the form, Zoom will send you an email with the link to join the meeting.

## What supports will you offer at these meetings? How do I ask for support in a language other than English?

We want everyone to feel welcome and safe. We will provide live captioning in English. We will provide other support for free on request.

Please let us know if you need other support when you register on Zoom. Some examples you can ask for include:

- Spanish interpretation
- American Sign Language
- Any other languages or supports that you need

## What is the format for the meetings?

We will use the “World Cafe Method” for the meetings. This is a simple and effective way to hold large group discussions. It gives everyone who wants to share a chance to participate. By the end of the meeting, we’ll share a clear summary of what we learned from you.

## How do I get more information or ask questions about the meetings?

If you have questions about these meetings, please email us at [odds.questions@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:odds.questions@odhs.oregon.gov).

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and hearing from you. Thank you, in advance, for your feedback.

Sincerely,



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