



## OREGON DEPARTMENT OF **Human Services**

**Update (Sept. 5, 2025): [We have extended the application deadline for the director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services to Oct. 5, 2025.](#)**

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**July 30, 2025**

**To:** Oregon Department of Human Services partners and community

**From:** Fariborz Pakseresht, Director, Oregon Department of Human Services

**Subject: ODHS seeks permanent director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services**

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is resuming [its search for a permanent director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services \(ODDS\)](#).

This position is essential. The director leads programs serving more than 39,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Oregon. A primary role of ODDS is to ensure the safety and well-being of these individuals. ODDS services are home and community based. The programs work with many partners who deliver services across Oregon. The director ensures these services meet federal and state rules.

Current ODDS management, staff and partners have and continue to innovate our service system. We want to find the right person to lead them and continue this work. To do this, we're launching a national search.

Please help us find top candidates. Share this [job posting](#) with all who may be interested.

### **Meeting for candidates**

Candidates who plan to apply may attend a Zoom meeting to learn more about the position. The hiring team will discuss the job description and share basic information about ODDS. They'll explain the application process and answer questions.

- **What:** Informational meeting for ODDS director applicants
- **Date:** August 13, 2025
- **Time:** 2 p.m. PDT
- **Length:** 60 minutes
- **Where:** On Zoom
- **How to attend:** [Use this link to register in advance.](#)

We want everyone to feel welcome and safe. We will provide free support to fully participate, including:

- American Sign Language
- Live captioning
- If you need other supports, email [surbhi.singh@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:surbhi.singh@odhs.oregon.gov).

## Next steps

ODHS will engage community members, partners and staff in the hiring process. We'll send information about how to be involved when we get to the selection phase.

If you have questions, email ODHS Executive Recruiter Surbhi Singh at [surbhi.singh@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:surbhi.singh@odhs.oregon.gov).

I want to thank Interim Director Dana Hittle for leading ODDS over the past 16 months. Dana will be returning to the ODHS Director's Office. I also want to thank ODHS staff and partners, for your advocacy and service through this leadership transition. You've grown our services and set the new director up for success.

We appreciate anything you can do to share the job listing and helping us recruit strong candidates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fariborz Pakseresht".

Fariborz Pakseresht (he/him)

Director, Oregon Department of Human Services

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