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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Statewide Employment First Coordinator Mike Maley

Re: Employment First: July Executive Order Data Report

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

One of the deliverables called for by the Governor's Executive Order 13-04 is a semi-annual data report on working-age people in the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) target population.

The Executive Order specifically calls for the report to address the following:

- The number of individuals receiving employment services;
- The number of individuals working in sheltered employment, self-employment, group employment or an individual integrated employment setting;
- The number of hours worked per week and hourly wages paid to those persons;
- The choices made by individuals between integrated work, sheltered work, and not working;
- Any complaints and grievances.

Here are some highlights of the Employment First July 2014 Data Report. You can review the Employment First full data report at:

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dd/supp_emp/docs/Data%20Report%20Executive%20Order-2014-07.pdf

- There were 2,672 people in integrated employment in March 2014.
- Of those 2,672 people, 1,486 were in individual supported employment and 1,186 were in group supported employment.
- There were 2,713 ODDS service recipients working in a sheltered setting. This is a decrease of 93 from March 2013.
- The average hourly wage for ODDS service recipients in the Comprehensive Waiver working in integrated supported employment was \$8.58 an hour, an increase from \$7.59 an hour in January.
- Those working in non-integrated settings earned an average of \$3.88 an hour.

- The monthly hours spent in individual integrated employment or group supported employment was 37.7 hours in March 2014. This information is from the Comprehensive Waiver only.

As far as choices made by individuals between integrated work, sheltered work, and not working, the data shows that 49 percent of individuals were in a facility or community-based non-work environment (formerly known as alternatives to employment), 26 percent in a sheltered workshop, and 25 percent in an integrated employment setting.

In terms of complaints and grievances, VR did not receive any dispute requests (hearing or mediation) from people with intellectual or developmental disabilities from January to June 2014.

ODDS received five employment-service related complaints, but no hearing requests. The Oregon Department of Education had one complaint involving a transition-age student that could be related to employment goals on an Individualized Education Plan. Each agency tracks and handles its own complaints through its own existing and well-developed processes.

In addition, the Executive Order asks that by July 1, 2014, ODDS and VR must provide employment services to at least 50 transition-age youth and people in sheltered workshops. There were a total of 1,042 new employment services given to 978 unique individuals from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Thank you all for your continued involvement, support, and advocacy for services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon. If you have comments or other questions, please email them to employment.first@state.or.us.

~ Mike