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**To: Employment First stakeholders**

**From: Mike Maley, Statewide Employment First Coordinator**

**Re: Training and Technical Assistance Announcement**

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

DHS has awarded contracts to two training and technical assistance entities to help providers transform from providing facility-based services to services designed to directly help people choose, get, and succeed in integrated, community jobs.

[Washington Initiative for Supported Employment](#) (WiSe) and [Living Opportunities](#) are the recipients of the contracts. These Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) providers will work directly with 25 facility-based provider agencies to provide guidance, consultation, training, and technical assistance to help transform those agencies to provide more community-based employment services.

The ultimate goal of this transformation is to increase capacity of providers who can provide integrated employment services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The transformation is a two-year process. WiSe will work with 16 providers, including:

Year one:

Catholic Community Services  
Eastco Diversified Services  
Garten Services, Inc.  
Mentor Oregon  
Mid-Valley Rehabilitation  
Rise, Inc.  
Shangri-La Corporation  
Tualatin Valley Workshop  
Western Idaho Training Company

Year Two:

Alternative Services-Oregon, Inc.  
Bethesda-Lutheran Communities  
Community Services, Inc.  
Exceed Enterprises, Inc.

SERP Enterprises, Inc.  
Sunny Oaks  
Willamette Valley Rehabilitation Center

Living Opportunities will work with 9 providers, including:

Year One:

Opportunity Connections/Hood River Sheltered Workshop, Inc.  
Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon  
Partnerships in Community Living  
Southern Oregon Aspire  
Sunrise Enterprises of Roseburg

Year Two:

Arc of Lane County  
Goodwill Industries of Southern Oregon  
Pearl Buck  
Star Of Hope

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 questions, please email them to [employment.first@state.or.us](mailto:employment.first@state.or.us).

~ Mike