

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Attached is this week's ODDS status report

Honoring Direct Care Professionals

Governor Kate Brown proclaimed this week to be Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

In Oregon there are approximately 14,000 people who work to empower an estimated 38,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live productive and fulfilling lives. Direct Care Professionals, which includes Direct Support Professionals and Personal Support Workers, help with education, socialization, daily care and employment. They help people meet the goals they have set for their lives. They are the frontline workers who help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be successful in their communities.

We know how important it is to have well-trained, experienced, and motivated people to help someone who has a disability have a great day and a great life.

I want to recognize and thank this group of hard-working, dedicated, caring people who help those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you know someone who works in this capacity, take a moment, acknowledge them and tell them how much you appreciate the work they do.

These professionals truly make a difference each day in the lives of Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[Read the Governor's Proclamation.](#)

Proposed settlement on Lane v. Brown

The state has reached agreement on a proposed settlement in Lane v. Brown, the class action involving employment services that Oregon provides to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). This case was a first of its kind in the country. The case was settled after the parties reached agreement on a number of issues. A copy of the settlement agreement has been posted on the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities [website](#).

Remember – Community Forums coming to The Dalles

The next Community Forums are planned for Thursday, September 24 and Friday, September 25 at The Dalles Civic Auditorium, 323 East Fourth Street.

- For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive services and their families: Thursday, September 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- For CDDPs, Brokerages and Providers: Friday, Sept, 25 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thank you for all of your hard work,

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