

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Attached is this week's ODDS status report

Please come to an upcoming Community Forum -- Let your voice be heard

We have been traveling the state holding Community Forums as a way to hear concerns, ideas and recommendations on how we can best fulfill our mission and vision of ensuring that people with intellectual and development disabilities live as valued members of their communities.

During these forums we have great discussions. We've heard about the importance of self-determination, the need for an expanded workforce and the importance of strong case management while we were in The Dalles, Medford, Bend, and Salem.

Here is what we heard about the importance of self-determination:

- We value self-direction and self-determination, and want to help individuals in doing that through improved training and other supports.
- People need to be supported to achieve what they want out of life, such as choosing where to live, where to work, and who to hang out with.
- Individuals should have a say in their services and supports – how independent they want to be – and the direction they want for their lives.

We also gathered a lot of ideas on developing and sustaining a well-trained workforce:

- Coaching within the teams can be an effective way to train people and increase retention.
- Networking with others to share ideas, stories and strategies.
- Creating internship opportunities so that people can explore the field and find their right fit.
- Developing a clear career path for Personal Support Workers (PSWs), Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) and other service providers.
- We need to be intentional about training. Training needs to be well established through available systems.

We have also heard about Case Management:

- Case Managers must have reasonable caseloads and clear role expectations.
- Case Managers must have time to partner with people and build relationships.
- The role of the Case Manager is to be informed of what's available and to advocate for the individual.

There are more Community Forums being planned. The next ones are in Hillsboro. This is a chance for you to discuss the issues, network with others and give and get feedback. We want to hear from you.

Hillsboro Community Forums:

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services is hosting two Community Forums in Hillsboro to discuss the vision for the future of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The two forums:

- For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive services and their families: Monday, November 9, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Washington County Public Services Building, Auditorium, 155 N. First Ave, Hillsboro.
- For CDDPs, brokerages and providers: November 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Washington County Public Services Building, Cafeteria, 155 N First Ave, Hillsboro.

For information about upcoming Community Forums:

www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/Documents/ODDS%20Statewide%20Community%20Forums%20Schedule.pdf.

Transmittals for the weeks of Oct. 19 and Oct. 26

Employment Outcomes System Report (EOS): The report is due November 30, 2015. It is a semi-annual report that has been collected since 2003. The data gathered is used to inform and monitor policy. Completing the EOS report is required under the terms of your provider agreement.

Generic Providers in eXPRS POC updates: This is a revised transmittal for versions that came out in September and October.

To read all the transmittals:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/spd/transmit/transmit.htm>.

Thank you for all of your hard work,

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