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To: Employment First stakeholders
From: Mike Maley, Statewide Employment First Coordinator
Re: Employment First: Revised Integrated Employment Plan
(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

As part of recent policy changes as well as the new Executive Order 15-01, which we announced a few weeks ago, other key documents related to the Employment First initiative needed to be revised. We expect these to be living documents that will be updated, as necessary.

In February, the Integrated Employment Plan was revised to reflect expanded outcome metrics, as well as new metrics based on feedback from the Executive Order Stakeholder Policy Group. These metrics reflect the three primary strategy areas of the Employment First project plan: increase integrated employment through high school transition services, reduced reliance on sheltered workshop services, and enhance and build service capacity.

The Integrated Employment Plan also has revised definitions, such as Competitive Integrated Employment, to align with federal policies, such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The revised Integrated Employment Plan can be found on the Employment First [website](#).

In addition, leadership from the Office of Developmental Disability Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Council of Developmental Disabilities entered into a revised [Memorandum of Understanding on Transition of Students with Disabilities to the Workforce](#).

A revised [Outreach and Awareness Plan](#), the [Training and Technical Assistance Strategic Plan](#), as well as the [January 2015 data report](#) required by the Executive Order, are also on the web.

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.

~ Mike

- For those in the Salem area, the [Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities](#) will be celebrating DD Awareness Month at 2 p.m. today in the lobby of the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building, 500 Summer St. NE. The celebration will include guest speakers, the unveiling of the annual awareness poster and DD Champion Award Winner presentations. This year the focus will be on assistive technology.