



# Transforming *now*

Transformation Project Newsletter  
September 2017



## Autumn Announcements

Congratulations to three new organizations joining Transformation! Please join us in welcoming:

- Sunny Oaks
- Horizon
- Pearl Buck Center



### Calendar

**October 11th-12th:**  
[OELN Systematic Instruction and Follow Along - Eugene](#)

**October 18th-19th:**  
[OELN Job Development and Marketing - Portland](#)

**October 24th-25th:**  
[OELN Introduction to the History of Supported Employment, Discovery, and Person Centered Employment Planning - Portland](#)

**October 26th:**  
[CESP Exam - Eugene](#)

**November 7th-8th:**  
[OELN Social Security Benefits and Work Incentives - Portland](#)

**November 14th-15th:**  
[OELN Systematic Instruction and Follow Along - Portland](#)



## **Incoming!** Training and Technical Assistance

All of you are working hard to find community employment for the people you support. Sometimes, it is helpful to have another set of eyes on supports to provide additional perspective on strategies or tools that may help someone reach their goals.

So, we are excited to announce a variety of Training and Technical Assistance coming down the pike! Many of you have expressed an interest in advanced-level training and increased opportunities to meet and collaborate with other organizations all reaching for the same goal. We have incorporated these requests in developing new training opportunities.

Classes can fill up quickly. Please sign up for future training announcements by joining [our email list here](#).

ODDS funds the OELN Training Series, making it available to employment providers for **no registration cost**.

# **Webinars**

## **In-Person Collaborative Training**

You will continue to receive the one-on-one support you identify for your staff. Additionally, and now you will have access to a series of webinars and in-person group training focused on the topics you identified in your Training and Technical Assistance plans. Stay tuned on the dates for these events!

Topics to look forward to:

1. **Data Collection**
2. **Financial Forecasting**
3. **QA/Program improvement**
4. **Large Employer Initiatives**
5. **Job Development 101**
6. **Job Development 201**
7. **Assistive Technology**
8. **Benefits Planning Resources**
9. **Systematic Instruction 201**
10. **Job Coaching Effectiveness**
11. **Recruit, Hire, Train, Retain**
12. **Coaching Effectiveness and resources for customers with Criminal Records**



## **Congrats to the New Highline Attendees!**

The tenth year of Highline College's Employment Professional Certification Program is underway.

Congratulations to the new students and future leaders in supported employment! If you are interested in attending or sending staff in the 2018-2019 class, [please click here for details.](#)



## **Sticky Wickets**

### **Curious about the current status of the Rate Structure Conversation?**

ODDS would like to inform employment providers they are actively working with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) on adjusting rates. ODDS has expressed that they are fully committed to this issue and are reevaluating with CMS on how to adjust without significantly impacting services. More updates will be provided on progress soon.



## **New I/DD Employment Policy Web Page Launched**

In case you missed it last month:

The Employment First Team has announced a new web page dedicated to employment policy for individuals

with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon.

Organized by topic area, the new [web page](#) has policy documents, transmittals and Oregon Administrative Rules on all I/DD-related employment policies, organized by date and topic area. Topics include Career Development Plan, Discovery, Employment Stabilization, Job Coaching and Job Development, Transition-Age Youth, and much more.

The site is intended to be a one-stop clearinghouse for all I/DD related employment policy for Vocational Rehabilitation, the Oregon Department of Education and the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services.

Please share the site broadly: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT-FIRST/Pages/policy.aspx>

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## ABLE Savings Plans:

Help someone achieve financial empowerment, and help prepare for a more independent and secure future. Support them to open an ABLÉ Savings Plan today.

You can sign up for the plan at [OregonABLESavings.com](http://OregonABLESavings.com).

As an added incentive Oregonians who open an Oregon ABLÉ Savings Plan account before January 1, 2018, will receive a 50 percent discount on the annual fee.

Transformation has a new home on WISE's new website! Check it out [HERE!](#)



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