



This month's theme is about how storytelling and sharing successes is a powerful method in communicating change we all work towards on a daily basis.

Sometimes, showing is better than telling. As any expert in their field, they know exactly what their work looks like, what their goals are, and the quality of people they support and work alongside. They intimately experience their work on a daily basis, but sharing their experience to an outsider in a meaningful way? Easier said than done. How do we practice explaining our work, the movement, and the truly transformative power of someone finding purpose and contribution?

We see many examples of people finding creative ways to share the successes, narrative, and objectives of our work. Video resumes show the qualifications of a quality candidate, amplifying the skills typically hidden in a stack of paper resumes. Videos of people working don't just show a job, they carry the narrative forward-that ANYONE can work with the right supports.

In the next month, think about the successes you haven't yet shared with someone else. When you get home after a long day of work, what were YOU proud of and why are you going back to do it again tomorrow? Who do you support that should be recognized for their resilience in job development, their contribution to their team?

Highlight the partners, champions, and pioneers who engage in innovative hiring. Capture the stories to show the business community what our work looks like and that our field is alive and thriving!

August 29th-30th:
[Systematic Instruction and Follow Along - Medford](#)

September 12th:
[Avoiding the Volunteer Trap: Labor Rules and Regulations for Unpaid Work Experiences - Online Training](#)

September 13th-14th:
[Social Security Benefits and Work Incentives - Medford](#)

September 21st-22nd:
[Introduction to the History of Supported Employment, Discovery, and Person Centered Employment Planning - Pendleton](#)

September 27th:
[CESP Exam](#)

October 24th-26th:
[ORA NW Conference-Eugene](#)

October 26th:
[CESP Exam](#)

For future training announcements, sign up for our [email mailing list here](#).

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

Looking for examples or ways to share your story?



Autism and Employment YouTube Playlist

[Autism and Employment Videos](#): These videos showcase success stories to share and get ideas for capturing your own.

[Voices from the Field Playlist on YouTube](#)

Employment First would like to feature video success stories highlighting quality placements!

Angela Yeager, Communications Officer and Storyteller with Employment First, has recorded incredible stories from around the state. She wants to connect with you to help you share yours!

If you haven't already seen this series, check it out [HERE](#). They are a great resource to share or to get ideas about industry trends and job tasks.

[Email Angela Here](#)



SHARE YOUR VIDEO STORIES ON EMPLOYMENT FIRST!



New I/DD Employment Policy Web Page Launched

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 [webpage](#) 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>



Community of Practice

Survey

We are looking for YOUR input on planning for Community of Practice opportunities.

These opportunities are meant to provide information sharing and collaborative learning about topics that you and others in the group share a concern or passion about.

Our intention is to bring together a group(s) of organizations to contribute and learn from each other. The format will be a brief presentation followed by discussion which allows for information sharing and learning together informally. Ideally, Communities of Practice will initiate ongoing, collaborative efforts that will benefit service providers for years to come.

[CLICK HERE to participate in this brief survey!](#)

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