

# Transforming *now*

Transformation Project Newsletter  
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## Success Stories

Thank you Garten, Albertina Kerr, and ODDS for getting these success stories out into the airwaves. A couple of sources below have done a great job highlighting the value that people with disabilities bring to the workforce. Today, we want to share two success stories:



Check out this write up in the Statesman Journal featuring a few people supported by Garten:  
[Exceptional workers with disabilities showcase Salem nonprofit's success](#)



## Calendar

January 9th-10th:  
[Job Developer Cohort Kick-Off](#)

January 18th:  
[JD for People w/Criminal and/or Sex Offense History](#)

January 29th-31st:  
[Transformation Recruit, Train, Retain Oregon Garden Event](#)

February 6th-7th:  
[Intro to Supported Employment, Discovery, & Employment Planning](#)

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

2018 OELN Dates will be announced soon!

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

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Also, the Employment First Success Stories series featured an employee of Davis Wright Tremaine supported by Albertina Kerr. Check out the story here: [Susan works 20 hours per week at downtown Portland](#)



[law firm](#)

Looking for more success stories to share or spur ideas into new industries? Make sure to check out the [Employment First Success Stories page HERE](#).

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## **Round 1 Interim Report Numbers are in!**

**Interim Reports reported a job placement total of 69 Jobs**

**AND**  
**28** Job Placements  
**from**  
**facility-based settings**

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We want thank everyone who reported on all the great work you are doing for people. You are generating great momentum!

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## **Accepting New Referrals? Let people know by using the Employment Outcome Systems Data website**

Did you know that ODDS has a page dedicated to Employment Outcome Systems Data? Check it out at <https://spdweb.hr.state.or.us/EOS/>

EOS data is more important than ever. ODDS is actively training Service Coordinators, Personal Agents and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors to use EOS Data to help people to make informed choice about their employment services provider.

Also, you can now go into EOS and turn "on" or "off" whether you have capacity for new referrals as often as

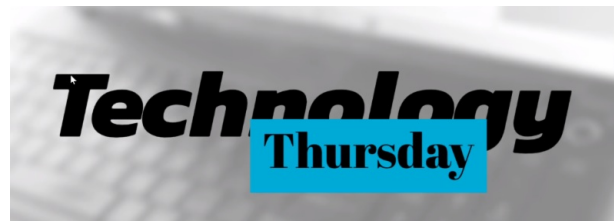


The Employment First website is transitioning to the DHS Employment First training page at <http://iworkwesucceed.org> as of December 2017. Please visit the [Training & Technical Tab](#) on I Work We Succeed for continued training updates and calendar information.

## Check out some new Wise resources.



Tips Tuesday is a weekly video series providing resources and ideas. View the latest tips on [YouTube](#) or [Like Us on Facebook](#) to get the latest episodes each Tuesday!



Technology Thursday is a 5-week mini series highlighting stories of people using Assistive Technology on the job, in the classroom, and in their lives. Check out the [Wise Facebook Videos](#) page to watch.

## 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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