OR COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

COMMUNITY IMPACT 2025

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2025 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Improving Mental Health Access and Outcomes for the Dually Diagnosed

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This work underpins several upcoming initiatives to expand access and improve outcomes statewide.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Establishing a Capacity Building Institute (CBI) to address systemic gaps in supporting dually diagnosed individuals by:

- Providing multidisciplinary training to leaders, clinicians, and DSPs.
- Fostering collaboration to identify and address access barriers in rural Oregon.
- Implementing practices and cross-system collaboration to bridge gaps between mental health and IDD systems.

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY CHANGES

SB 729 prohibits public bodies from denying access to mental health services on the basis that an individual has an intellectual or developmental disability.

Expanding Access to Assistive Technology

OCDD collaborated with community partners to educate people with IDD, their families, providers, and case managers about assistive technology (AT), how it supports accessibility and independence, and how to access it.

Hosting a Technology Policy Summit to bring together decision makers, AT experts, individuals with IDD, and community partners to expand AT access in Oregon, aiming to:

- Fund technology assessments and training.
- Include AT and remote supports in DD services.
- Provide technical assistance to case management, providers, advocates, and families.
- More choice for support services.
- Less stress on the workforce shortage.
- More opportunities for independence / independent living

2025 ACHIEVEMENTS IN ASSITIVE TECHNOLOGY

487 Trained people with IDD, family members, and professionals

6 Trainings in...

2 Languages

2025 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Supporting Accessible Hiring and Employment

In collaboration with state disability employment experts, OCDD developed a toolkit for accessible hiring practices including a set of recommended policies and system changes.

IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

OCDD is collaborating with state agency partners to implement recommendations to improve employment outcomes for people with IDD.

OCDD uses the toolkit in advocacy including work on Employment First policies.

EMPLOYMENT FIRST POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Statewide and regional Employment First advisory committees to address competitive integrated employment (CIE).
- Ensures that education and vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs and services for people with IDD are designed to help them obtain CIE.
- Directs state agencies to establish a Model Employer program to promote strategies for hiring and employing people with IDD.

Uplifting Self-Determination Through Advocacy Support and Leadership Training

OCDD supported people with IDD and families to tell their stories and advocate for what they need in their community to control their lives and services.

Each year, OCDD supports a self-advocacy organization led by people with IDD. OCDD engages, trains, coaches, and guides self-advocates to participate in IDD advocacy.

- 176 people trained in advocacy skills
- 19 events/presentations about advocacy skills
- 137 self-advocates engaged in advocacy activities / trainings
- 10 trainings with advocacy organization leadership
- 10 advocates supported to create video testimony and advocacy videos.

SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

22 **Meetings with legislators**

15 Advocates from **10** Counties supported to testify on **10** Bills

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EXPANDING AT IN OREGON

Hosting a Technology Policy Summit, bringing together decision makers, AT experts, individuals with IDD, and community partners to expand AT access in Oregon, aiming to:

- Fund tech assessments and training.
- Include tech in the ISP process.
- Include remote supports in support services.
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