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Announcement from Oregon DHS

Oregon DHS will be participating in a project to learn how well it is helping individuals and families being served through the developmental disabilities system. The National Core Indicators (NCI) has selected Oregon as one of five additional states to survey this year, using their quality assessment tool to learn how well the state is supporting people with developmental disabilities. With the addition of the five states, there are now 35 states across the country participating in this project.

We are very pleased to participate,” said Mike Maley, Deputy Director, Office of Developmental Disability Services. “It will help us learn more about the impact our services provide on those we help. We will be able to use the data to make decisions about our utilization of resources and priority of effort to improve the quality of services,” he said.

A random sample of over 3,600 adults and families in Oregon who are currently receiving comprehensive services will be invited to complete the survey. There will also be in person interviews. Questions will target key areas such as employment, relationships, health, consumer choice, inclusion and case management services.

NCI began in 1997 and is coordinated by the National Association of Directors of State Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI).

Each state participates in the survey by conducting in-person interviews directly with individuals receiving services, mailing surveys to families, and producing data about their service system.

The state is partnering with the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) to complete the NCI surveys.