



Information Memorandum

Oregon Department of Human Services

Originating Cluster:

Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Subject: Information/Resources for Employment and Independence for Persons with Disabilities

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Children Adults and Families
- Community Human Services
- Other (please specify): _____
- County DD Program Managers
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Seniors and People with Disabilities

Message: We are delighted to announce that “Independence Fairs” will be presented in early 2004 in ten cities throughout Oregon to provide resources and information about employment and independence to people with disabilities and their associates. The Fairs are organized by staff from Centers for Independent Living and the Department of Human Services, and are funded by a Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. The Independence Fairs were initiated through a collaborative effort of the Oregon Employment Initiative to promote or enhance employment for people with disabilities.

Staff from the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) may soon be asking Employment Initiative Specialists and In Home Services Case Managers to help identify community partners to involve in the Fairs and attend the Independence Fairs. We encourage field staff to collaborate with the Centers for Independent Living and support the Independence Fairs as much as possible.

The Fairs will be open “walk-in” conferences and offer booths and training workshops to provide information on what resources and opportunities are available to promote or enhance employment for people with disabilities. They will include representatives from State, Federal, and local resources to provide expertise/consultation to consumers with disabilities, as well as offer consumers the opportunity to discuss concerns and suggestions with government representatives.

SCHEDULE OF INDEPENDENCE FAIRS:

Portland – February 11, 2004

Salem – February 25, 2004

Eugene – March 12, 2004

Yachats (tentative) – March 19, 2004

Grants Pass – April 8, 2004

Medford – April 9, 2004

Roseburg – April 30, 2004

Bend – May 6, 2004

Klamath Falls – May 26, 2004

Coos Bay – June 9, 2004

Pendleton – June 23, 2004

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