## Compass Project

Office of Developmental Disabilities Services | 2022 Oregon Legislative Session

## What is the Compass Project?

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) created the Compass Project to improve the way people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) participate in services. It includes:



**Person-centered planning:** ODDS is reorienting the I/DD system to ensure that choice and self-determination are embedded in the planning process. Our new **LifeCourse** framework supports a strengths-based approach that is informed, but not driven by, one's needs assessment and expands the focus to include a whole life rather than Medicaid-funded services only.

 Individual Support Plan: This annual process is being redesigned to make it simpler to use, easier for people and families to understand, and firmly based on person-centered practices. The estimated completion date is 2024.

**Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA):** ODDS created this single, universal assessment by combining key elements of multiple tools that were used across the state. Once a year, an assessor reviews the ONA with each person to customize specific services and supports.

**Service Group Framework:** ODDS worked with a contractor to develop a valid, reliable way to group people in similar ages with similar levels of support needs. In the future, a person's service group will correlate to their in-home hour authorization amounts, and as of July 1, 2022, it will tie to the service rates paid to their providers.

Note: Near the end of this legislative session, thousands of Oregonians will receive a letter
announcing the service group to which their most recent ONA assigns them. ODDS is glad to
answer questions you may receive from constituents about this letter.

**Provider Rate Models:** ODDS developed transparent rate models that align with our expectation for well-trained providers who deliver safe, high-quality services that maximize independence and integration for people we serve. The new rates take effect July 1, 2022, and replace existing rate models many of which are at least a decade old.

**Waivers, policy, and rule:** ODDS is making changes to the waivers, state plan (K Plan), Oregon administrative rules and policies to meet the strategic goal of creating a system that is sustainable, easy to use, with effective communication and equitable access.

**Trainings:** Numerous Compass Project training modules for ODDS employees, providers, case management entities, Oregonians with I/DD and their families are being offered throughout 2022. View the schedule and training recordings at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xtQWQ/">https://go.usa.gov/xtQWQ/</a>.

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