

Compass Project

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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 <https://go.usa.gov/xtQWQ/>.

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