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Parents as caregivers may help with the workforce problem currently experienced in OR. National data from other states offering this option shows positive outcomes such as less hospitalizations and emergency room visits, increased family stability and more community involvement for the child. Parents as caregivers also promotes self-direction, a valued philosophy in OR - because more control and choice is given to the care recipient and families live the life they want to live (self-determination). Allowing the option in the PSW and Agency programs for attendant care/personal care services may help solve the workforce crisis that is expected to continue in OR and nationally.