Oregon MIG Report 2006 Q3

# Ticket To Work Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Report

# **Basic Information**

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92415

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Basic Description

The Oregon Competitive Employment Project seeks to enhance the quality of life in Oregon by achieving, maintaining and advancing the competitive and inclusive employment of persons with disabilities. The project is funded by a four-year Medicaid Infrastructure Grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and is part of the Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

# **Major Outcomes**

Outcome 1

Workplan outcome

Promote development of evidence-based supported employment to historically underserved populations

**Primary Strategy** 

Increase supported employment of: A) persons with serious/persistent mental illness; B) persons with developmental disabilities; C) persons with acquired traumatic brain injuries.

Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to Outcome	\$178,618.00
<b>Planned Completion Date</b>	12/31/2008
Accomplishments	A) Project contractor provided trainings to three counties on evidence-based SE. Contractor performed fidelity reviews on the three counties' SE activities. B) DDSE workgroup participated in SELN self-assessment process & DHS leadership participated in SELN site-visit on 9/20/06.
Problems/Issues	Activities for C) persons with acquired traumatic brain injuries in this outcome have not yet begun. Identification of current employment issues for this population in Oregon and nationally, as well as recommendations for future activities is expected to be completed in Q4
Status	On schedule
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	

# Outcome 2

Workplan outcome	Promote development of a comprehensive, effective and sustainable benefits planning system.
Primary Strategy	Develop the benefits planning services and supports necessary for persons with disabilities to obtain and utilize those public benefits and work incentives needed to achieve their desired employment outcomes
Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to Outcome	\$92,366.00
<b>Planned Completion Date</b>	12/31/2008
Accomplishments	Surveyed 120 community providers regarding interest in BP services (45% return rate). Finalized benefits planning system design. Identified source of short term funding from partner agencies for Benefits Counselors and Information Specialist salaries and training
Problems/Issues	Oregon's online benefits calculator, Workbenefits.org supported by MIG funding needs redesign. Still in process of defining collaborative process between new system and WIPA. Data collection system needs to be created to provide information to support sustainable funding through legislative process.
Status	On schedule
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	

## Outcome 3

Develop and implement a comprehensive education and marketing strategy to

Workplan outcome	support promote employment of persons with disabilities, based on the business needs of employers and the business case for competitive and inclusive employment of persons with disabilities.
Primary Strategy	A) Refine the "business case" for employing persons with disabilities, including persons with significant disabilities. B) Disseminate the business case for employment of persons with disabilities. C) Learn what employers want and need to hire, retain and advance the employment of persons with disabilities. D) Develop local business leadership networks and employer partners. E) Develop a comprehensive educational and marketing campaign to promote employment of persons with disabilities.
Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to Outcome	\$120,373.00
<b>Planned Completion Date</b>	12/31/2008
Accomplishments	C) Developed industry-specific analysis of disability in the workplace; presented to Manufacturing 21 Coalition, who requested presentation for use in managerial university curriculum. E) Purchased rights to FLA BLN My Abilities campaign; will re-shoot for comprehensive marketing campaign
Problems/Issues	None
Status	On schedule
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	NOTIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY O

# **Outcome 4**

Workplan outcome	Increase the awareness, understanding and knowledge that youth and adults-in-transition, families, teachers and disability professionals have of transition processes and transition planning.
Primary Strategy	A) Support development of a transition plan training program to train volunteers in developing effective transition plans. B) Support reinstitution of an annual statewide transition conference for teachers, parents, students, case managers, vocational counselors, employers, etc. C) Support development of a transition/employment program to assist consumers in developing person-centered employment plans and the ability to navigate educational, vocational and workforce systems
Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to Outcome	\$45,735.00
<b>Planned Completion Date</b>	12/31/2008
Accomplishments	A) Training program developed; 21 people trained in Q3. C) Program Developed; 22 people trained in Q4; all trained who consent will be followed through 12/31/08 to measure and document employment outcomes

٠	Problems/Issues	None
	Status	On schedule
	Actual Completion Date	

# Outcome 5

Workplan outcome	Expand transportation capacity to promote competitive employment for people with disabilities with a priority on areas in Oregon in which transportation services and supports are limited or non-existent.
Primary Strategy	Assist and support Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and local communities in implementing and sustaining one or more initiatives to increase the availability of transportation services and supports to persons with disabilities, with an emphasis on efforts that increase the availability of transportation services and support in areas of Oregon outside of the I-5 and I-84 corridors and may be replicated in other communities.
Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to	\$81,750.00
Outcome	T - 1
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Outcome Planned Completion Date	12/31/2008  Developed project with ODOT that builds on United We Ride strategy to assist 5 rural counties in OR to create enhanced employment transportation strategies in coordinated Human Service-Public Transportation plans for
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# Outcome 6

Workplan outcome	Develop and promote policies and practices that increase the usefulness, effectiveness and availability of work incentives and work incentive programs, and that lessen or eliminate disincentives to work.
Primary Strategy	Analyze existing work incentive programsincluding EPD Program, SSA's Ticket-to-Work and PASS programs and Workers' Compensation Return-to-Work Programs – and identify how these programs may be made more useful, effective and available; and develop and promote recommended policies and practices.
Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to Outcome	\$56,119.00
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<b>Planned Completion Date</b>	12/31/2008
Accomplishments	Received draft regulations incorporating disability-related issues into state IDA legislation. MIG and Disability Medicaid Policy unit developed database to evaluate & improve buy-in billing and collection methodology; system is being piloted in 2 Medicaid regional offices.
Problems/Issues	none
Status	On schedule
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	CONTROL OF THE TWO DAYS AND A LANGE CONTROL OF THE PARTY
Outcome 7	
Workplan outcome	Increase the accessibility and availability of culturally appropriate and competent employment services and supports to Oregonians with disabilities who are ethnic or culturally minorities.
Primary Strategy	A) Identify the strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in Oregon's system of employment services in serving and supporting Oregonians with disabilities who are ethnic or cultural minorities. B) Develop and promote policies and practices that increase access to and the availability of needed, appropriate and competent services. C) Fund one or more replicable initiative that increases accessibility to and availability of needed culturally appropriate and competent employment services and supports
Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to Outcome	\$69,649.00
Planned Completion Date	12/31/2008
Accomplishments	none
Problems/Issues	Start-up delayed due to demands of other Project strategies/activities and staff changes.
Status	Behind schedule
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	
Outcome 8	
Workplan outcome	Create outcome tracking system
Primary Strategy	Compile and analyze data and information from medicaid, vocational rehabilitation, office of mental health and addiction services, worker's compensation, and the employment department to track grant outcomes.
Strategy 1	
Strategy 2	
Strategy 3	
Strategy 4	
Strategy 5	
Funds Budgeted Annually to	\$46,115.00

Outcome	
Planned Completion Date	12/31/2006
Accomplishments	Continued tracking buy-in program for baseline data. Began collaboration with Oregon WIPA to analyze data collection requirements & develop outcome tracking method for BP recipients. Met with mental health to initiate data sharing: baseline analysis for Medicaid recipients with mental health issues
Problems/Issues	none
Status	On schedule
Actual Completion Date	

# **Consumer Involvement**

### Consumer 1

Name of Group	Leadership Council
Role	Exists solely to interact with and on behalf of the Project
Relationship to Grant	Provide the Project with advice and direction
Percent of Members with a Disability	30.00%
Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)	20

## Consumer 2

Name of Group	People with Disabilities Advisory Council
Role	Consumer council responsible for advising state Seniors and Persons with Disabilities agency
Relationship to Grant	Partners and stakeholders
Percent of Members with a Disability	100.00%
Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)	0

## **Consumer 3**

Name of Group	CORIL, DASIL, EOCIL, ILR, LILA, State Independent Living Council
Role	Centers for Independent Living
Relationship to Grant	Partners and stakeholders
Percent of Members with a Disability	75.00%
Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)	15

# Consumer 4

Name of Group	Adult Services Advisory Committee
Role	Advise Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Relationship to Grant	Partners and stakeholders
Percent of Members with a Disability	50.00%
Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)	0

## **Consumer 5**

Name of Group	Alliance for Victory
Role	Large grassroots disability advocacy organization committed to advancing the interests of persons with disabilities in variety of areas, including employment
Relationship to Grant	Inform and id possible areas of collaboration group's interests parallel those of Project in certain areas
Percent of Members with a Disability	50.00%
Hours Spent Last Quarter	10

## Consumer 6

(Approximate)

Name of Group	Developmental Disabilities Supported Employment Committee
Role	Independent committee comprised of various developmental disability advocacy, consumer, professional and provider groups that is seeking to revitalize state's DDSE efforts
Relationship to Grant	Serving as project workgroup
Percent of Members with a Disability	15.00%
Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)	90

### **Consumer 7**

Name of Group	Benefits Planning Workgroup & Design Team
Role	Assisting Project plan and implement BP strategy and activities. Project- established group and team (includes Project Leadership Council members and others)
Relationship to Grant	Project workgroup
Percent of Members with a Disability	25.00%
Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)	30

### **Consumer 8**

Name of Group	Work Incentives Work Group
Role	Assisting Project plan and implement WI strategy and activities. Project- established group and team (includes Project Leadership Council members and others)
Relationship to Grant	Project workgroup

Percent of Members with a Disability

20.00%

Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)

0

#### Consumer 9

Name of Group

Employer Engagement Workgroup

Role

Assisting Project plan and implement employer engagement and education strategy and activities. Project-established group and team (includes Project Leadership Council members and others)

**Relationship to Grant** 

Percent of Members with a Disability

10.00%

Project workgroup

Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)

18

#### Consumer 10

**Name of Group** 

Role

Oregon Dept of Transportation United We Ride Committee

Relationship to Grant

Serving as Project workgroup on transportation strategy and activities

Advises ODOT about transportation issues related to persons with disabilities

Percent of Members with a

Disability

Hours Spent Last Quarter (Approximate)

53

5.00%

# **Research and Evaluation**

#### Research 1

**Report/Study Name** 

**Brief Description** 

N/A

Status

Ongoing

Report Location

N/A

**Brief Summary of Findings** 

N/A

# State Plan PAS

State Plan PAS for Adults with Disabilities

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Location

Outside, including job site

No research or evaluation at this time

**Hours Allowed Per Month** 

Less than 40

Population Limited To (List)

OSIPM, OHP, GA

**Included Services (List)** 

Provide assistance in eating, dressing, bathing/personal hygiene, mobility, bowel/bladder, contract RN svcs.

**Are PAS Consumer Directed** 

Yes

Number Served with Mental Illness	617
Number Served with Developmental Disabilities	859
Number Served with Physical Disabilities	1005
PAS by Waiver(s) for Adults with Disabilities	Yes

# **PAS** by Waiver

# PAS Waiver 1

Brief Description of State Plan	Support Services (643)
State Plan Number	0375
Is Waiver Statewide	Yes
Does Waiver Include Buy-In	Yes
Is This an Independence Plus Waiver	No
Location	Outside, including job site
<b>Hours Allowed Per Month</b>	Unlimited, based on need
Population limited To (List)	ICF/MR Population
Included Services (List)	(PAS limited by dollar amount NOT hours) Provide assistance in eating, dressing, bathing/personal hygiene, mobility, bowel/bladder, cognition, medications/oxygen. 24-hr care availability, contract RN svcs.
Are PAS Consumer Directed	Yes
Number Served with Mental Illness	
Number Served with Developmental Disabilities	3266
Number Served with Physical Disabilities	

# PAS Waiver 2

Brief Description of State Plan	Aged and Physically Disabled Walver
State Plan Number	0185.90 R2
Is Waiver Statewide	Yes
Does Waiver Include Buy-In	Yes
Is This an Independence Plus Waiver	No
Location	Outside, including job site
<b>Hours Allowed Per Month</b>	Unlimited, based on need
Population limited To (List)	Seniors and persons with physical disabilities
Included Services (List)	Provide assistance in eating, dressing, bathing/personal hygiene, mobility, bowel/bladder, cognition, medications/oxygen. 24-hr care availability, contract RN svcs.

Are PAS Consumer Directed	Yes
Number Served with Mental Illness	
Number Served with Developmental Disabilities	
Number Served with Physical Disabilities	28222

# PAS Waiver 3

<b>Brief Description of State Plan</b>	ICF/MR 1915C WaiverComprehensive Waiver (640)
State Plan Number	0117.90.R7
Is Waiver Statewide	Yes
Does Waiver Include Buy-In	Yes
Is This an Independence Plus Waiver	No
Location	Outside, including job site
<b>Hours Allowed Per Month</b>	Unlimited, based on need
Population limited To (List)	ICF/MR Population
Included Services (List)	(PAS limited by dollar amount NOT hours) Provide assistance in eating, dressing, bathing/personal hygiene, mobility, bowel/bladder, cognition, medications/oxygen. 24-hr care availability, contract RN svcs.
Are PAS Consumer Directed	Yes
Number Served with Mental Illness	
Number Served with Developmental Disabilities	5597
Number Served with Physical Disabilities	

# Buy-In

Buy-In Status	Adopted the buy-in
Program Name	Employed Persons with Disabilities (EPD)
<b>Implementation Date</b>	2/1/1999
State Legislative Authority	N/A
Federal Authority	Balanced budget act of 1997
Income Eligibility	Up to 250% FPL
Income Eligibility (Other)	N/A
Countable Income for Eligibility	Gross (before taxes)
Does Countable Income for Eligibility Include Spousal Income	No
Method for Counting Earned Income	Other (specify below)
Method for Counting Earned	

Income (Other)	Use SSI methodology + allow Empl & Indep expenses
Method for Counting Unearned Income	Other (specify below)
Method for Counting Unearned Income (Other)	Excluded for eligibility, counted for cost-share.
Web Site for Additional Information	http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/spwpd/empserv.shtml#epd
Work Requirement	Must be attached to the workforce (defined as earning at least \$920 per calendar quarter)
Resource (Asset) for Individual Limit - Enter 2000, or Other Amount	5000
Resource Limit Includes Spousal Resources	No
Additional Savings Accounts are excluded	Yes
Additional Savings Accounts are Portable (After Leaving the Buy-In)	No
Cost-Sharing Policy	Other (specify)
Cost-Sharing Policy (Other)	Unearned \$ above maintenance standard paid monthly
Premium Payments Begin At	Other (specify)
Premium Payments Begin At (Other)	After 6 months, above \$2,200
Method to Calculate Monthly Premiums, Co-Pays, or Other Cost Sharing	Gross income plus any unearned income remaining after cost-share is paid, subtract: 1) mandatory taxes for an allowance of one; 2) approved employment and independence expenses; and, 3) 200% of the federal poverty level. Multiply remainder by 2% to 10%
<b>Medicaid Eligibility Review</b>	Other (specify)
Medicaid Eligibility Review (Other)	Based on stability of emp. not to exceed 12 mos
Enrollees at Beginning of Year	594
Enrollees at Beginning of Year MI	
<b>Enrollees at End of Quarter</b>	591
Enrollees at End of Quarter MI	
Major Outreach Activities (Up to 3)	case managers at local level; local benefits planners

# **Technical Assistance Outcomes**

# **TA Outcome 1**

<b>TA Outcomes</b>	General Technical Assistance
Strategy	Provide TA, review and analysis, share promising practices, faciliate state-to- state partnerships, assist with identification/evaluation of opportunities to maximize a coordinated employment infrastructure.
Provider	NCHSD, CWD

<b>Planned Completion Date</b>	12/31/2007	
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	12/31/2007	
Accomplishments	none	
Problems	none	
Status	Completed	

# **TA Outcome 2**

TA Outcomes	Resource Mapping
Strategy	Develop customized process/tools to identify gaps and strengths in state/local systems; assist with product development and stakeholder support
Provider	NCHSD
<b>Planned Completion Date</b>	12/31/2007
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	
Accomplishments	none
Problems	none
Status	On schedule

## **TA Outcome 3**

TA Outcomes	Resource Mapping
Strategy	Develop customized process and tools to identify gap and strengths in state and local systems; assist with product development and stakeholder support.
Provider	NCHSD
Planned Completion Date	12/31/2007
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	12/31/2007
Accomplishments	Provided information on TBI waivers in Vermont and Minnesota. Provided information on TBI work programs in Maryland.
Problems	none
Status	Completed

## **TA Outcome 4**

TA Outcomes	Implementing Federal and Employment Policy
Strategy	Provide information and resources on impact on workers of DRA, new TTW regs and Part D; support successful implementation of policy changes.
Provider	NCHSD
Planned Completion Date	12/31/2007
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	12/31/2007
Accomplishments	Summit was held in Q2 2006. In Q3 NCHSD provided information on Wisconsin's vocational futures planning initiative & Indiana's Benefits Information Network.
Problems	none
Status	Completed

#### **TA Outcome 5**

TA Outcomes

Strategy

Strategy

Provide information on intent of the Medicaid Buy In program and CMS' expectations for states. Conduct national teleconferences and develop a capacity building paper on the new Ticket to Work program regulations.

NCHSD, CWD

12/31/2008

NCHSD provided follow-up to questions from the Medicaid policy unit on potential issues and solutions with Oregon's Medicaid Buy In program.

Problems

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Status

Status

none Abandoned

Abandoned

#### **TA Outcome 6**

**TA Outcomes** Cultural Competency Assist in sharing materials and ideas with the CA MIG and other projects that are focusing on cultural diversity and sensitivity in services for people with Strategy disabilities. **NCHSD Provider Planned Completion Date** 12/31/2008 **Actual Completion Date** NCHSD sent information on cultural competency trainings as they became **Accomplishments** available. none **Problems** 

#### **TA Outcome 7**

**TA Outcomes** Employer Education and Marketing Review current processes in place to identify and measure employer/business Strategy needs; facilitate CMS/state partnerships. **Provider NCHSD Planned Completion Date** 12/31/2007 **Actual Completion Date** 12/31/2007 NCHSD provided materials developed by Maryland's BLN. NCHSD answered questions by the Oregon Business Leadership network regarding statistics on Accomplishments disability and marketing employment to businesses. **Problems** none On schedule Status

#### **TA Outcome 8**

TA Outcomes
Strategy
Transportation
Provide support to analyze and develop transportation programs.

Provider	NCHSD
Planned Completion Date	12/31/2008
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	12/31/2007
Accomplishments	NCHSD provided information on rural transportation strategies and activities that other states are engaged in.
Problems	none
Status	Completed

# **TA Outcome 9**

TA Outcomes	Monthly Check In Teleconferences
Strategy	Schedule and facilitate monthly check in calls with OR MIG staff to share resources, updates and develop priorities for the coming month(s)
Provider	NCHSD, CWD
Planned Completion Date	12/31/2008
<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	
Accomplishments	Teleconferences held as scheduled. NCHSD reviewed Oregon's progress and updated staff with new information and resources as they became available.
Problems	none
Status	Abandoned

# **Outcome Data**

Unduplicated Count of individuals Supported by MIG Activities (If Available)	
Percentage Increase From the Prior Year in the Number of Title II Beneficiaries Who Returned to Work (Annual Report Only)	0.00%
Percentage Increase From the Prior Year in the Number of Title XVI Beneficiaries Who Returned to Work (Annual Report Only)	-6.00%
Roles of Participating Partners (including consumers)	

# **Resource Utilization**

Grant Funds Expended this Quarter	\$103,524.60
Carry-Over Funds Actual (Annual Report Only)	\$250,000.00
PMS expenditures end of period	

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PMS expenditures end date	
Award Amount	