

Director's Message

Date: Oct. 30, 2025

To: Case management entities (CMEs), adult and child foster care providers in Oregon's intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) service system, and Vision Advisory Committee

From: Darlene O'Keefe, Interim Director
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Subject: **Foster care transition meetings and update**

Hello.

Please read this important update about the [foster care licensing and certification transition](#). This message is particularly important for:

- Foster care providers
- Community developmental disabilities programs (CDDPs).

I'm copying the following partners for awareness:

- Brokerages
- Vision Advisory Committee.

Transition update

We're on schedule to meet the Legislature's January 1, 2026, deadline to transfer foster licensing and certification duties from CDDPs to ODDS. Thank

you, all who attended our recent meetings for providers, CMEs and community members. Your feedback is informing our decisions related to rules, processes and resources.

Here are a few brief updates about the transition:

- We'll move to electronic applications for foster providers next year.
- We're working with the Department of Justice and Labor Relations Unit to identify which CDDP employees are eligible to transfer to ODDS.
- We're hiring two managers to oversee the new team of client care surveyors (CCS). We hope to hire these managers and post the remaining CCS positions that won't be filled by current CDDP employees by December 1, 2025.
- We're working on rule changes and intend to formally post updated rules by Jan. 1, 2026.
- We've used your feedback and questions to update the [FAQs on our website](#).

We'll discuss more details about these updates at upcoming meetings with providers and CDDPs. We'll update the FAQs, again, after these meetings.

Foster provider meetings

Providers, please join us for one of these one-hour sessions. We'll give updates about the transition, answer questions and troubleshoot. You don't need to attend twice, as each session will cover the same material. We're offering three options for adult foster providers and three options for child foster providers. Please use the information below to join a meeting:

Adult foster providers

Option one

- **Date:** November 21, 2025.
- **Time:** 11 a.m. to noon PST
- **Where:** Microsoft Teams
- **To attend:** [Use this link to join the meeting.](#)

Option two

- **Date:** November 24, 2025.
- **Time:** 10–11 a.m. PST
- **Where:** Microsoft Teams
- **To attend:** [Use this link to join the meeting.](#)

Option three

- **Date:** November 25, 2025.
- **Time:** 2–3 p.m. PST
- **Where:** Microsoft Teams
- **To attend:** [Use this link to join the meeting.](#)

Child foster providers

Option one

- **Date:** November 21, 2025.
- **Time:** 9–10 a.m. PST
- **Where:** Microsoft Teams
- **To attend:** [Use this link to join the meeting.](#)

Option two

- **Date:** November 24, 2025.
- **Time:** 2–3 p.m. PST
- **Where:** Microsoft Teams
- **To attend:** [Use this link to join the meeting.](#)

Option three

- **Date:** November 25, 2025.
- **Time:** 10:30–11:30 a.m. PST
- **Where:** Microsoft Teams
- **To attend:** [Use this link to join the meeting.](#)

Help for providers to participate or ask questions

We want everyone to feel welcome and safe at our meetings. We will provide free support for you to participate, including:

- American Sign Language
- Live captioning
- For other languages or supports, email ODDS.Questions@odhsoha.oregon.gov. Please do this at least three business days before the meeting.

Providers, if you have questions, feedback or need technical assistance related to this transition, please [use this form to contact ODDS Licensing](#).

CDDP meetings and questions

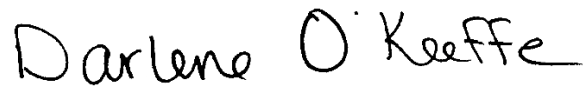
CDDPs, we will continue to meet with you on first and third Tuesdays. Because the transition affects each county differently, we're also happy to meet with you individually, as needed. Some reasons to request a meeting may include workload concerns or technical assistance. If you have questions or would like to meet, please email transition project lead Laura Copeland at laura.j.copeland@odhs.oregon.gov.

Resources and next steps

We posted some resources, including updated FAQs, on [our website](#). If the materials there don't address your concerns, please [use this form to contact ODDS Licensing](#) or email laura.j.copeland@odhs.oregon.gov.

Foster providers and CDDPS, the ODDS Licensing staff will follow up with you directly next week. They will share more details about the transition.

Thank you for your continued partnership,



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Oregon Department of Human Services

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