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To: I/DD community members, Tribal partners and ODDS staff

From: Dana Hittle, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: New training reimbursement program funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The Office of Developmental Disabilities has launched a new training reimbursement program. This program will reimburse registration and subscription costs for trainings relevant to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). ODDS Medicaid agency providers, foster care providers and independent contractors who provide ODDS services are eligible for these reimbursements.

The total budget for this program is \$200,000 from ODDS' American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

[This ODDS transmittal](#) includes information of how to apply for reimbursement and qualifying training expenses. Pre-approval of training reimbursements is required. The [application](#) for pre-approval opened on April 1 and closes on Dec. 31, 2024 or until funding runs out. All training and reimbursement submissions must be completed by March 1, 2025 through a simple reporting process.

We hope this program will help providers, foster care providers and independent contractors access important training to continue providing critical services as effectively as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Hittle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Hittle".

Dana Hittle  
Interim Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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