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people with developmental disabilities

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Lane v. Brown Proposed Settlement Agreement

The plaintiffs in a class action case, *Lane et al. v. Brown et al.*, Civ. No. 3:12-cv-00138-ST, have reached a Proposed Class Action Settlement Agreement. The Court has preliminarily approved the Proposed Agreement and scheduled a hearing for December 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., to determine whether it is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the class.

On January 25, 2012, eight individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and an organization, United Cerebral Palsy of Oregon and Southwest Washington, (collectively, "Plaintiffs") filed a class action Complaint on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated. The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. The lawsuit alleged that Oregon unnecessarily segregates individuals with I/DD in sheltered workshops, in violation of the rights of these individuals under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act.

Under the Proposed Agreement, Oregon will continue to expand the availability of supported employment services that allow individuals with I/DD the opportunity to work in integrated employment settings, and it is intended to correspondingly decrease the state's support of sheltered workshops for people with I/DD in Oregon. Some highlights:

- Goal of 20 hours of work per week in an integrated, community setting
- All individuals in sheltered workshops and all transition aged youth with I/DD must receive a Career Development Plan, as provided in the Proposed Agreement. Over the next 2 years, the State must also reduce the number of hours individuals spend working in sheltered workshops from 93,530 hours per month to 66,100 hours per month.

This information is a brief summary from a letter sent by the Office of Developmental Disability Services. You can obtain a copy of the full Proposed Agreement from Kathy Wilde at Disability Rights Oregon at kwilde@droregon.org or (503) 243-2081 or (800) 452-1694. Kathy Wilde will also answer any questions you have about the Proposed Agreement. The Proposed Agreement is also available at the DHS Employment First website, iworkwesucceed.org and on the Office of Developmental Disability Services' website, www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/index.aspx.

The Court has scheduled a full hearing to determine whether the Proposed Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the class. Any class member who wants to object to or comment on this Proposed Agreement must file a written objection or comments on or before October 29, 2015 with Kathy Wilde at Disability Rights Oregon, 610 SW Broadway, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97205, at kwilde@droregon.org.

Happy Birthday to:



Brian R



David M

Kyle O



Casey M

Deirdre P

Lottie T

Christine C

Hannah C



Patricia M



Chuck C

Heather S

Stacy M

Daniel W

Kathy F

Tami C



And to anyone we may have missed!!

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