

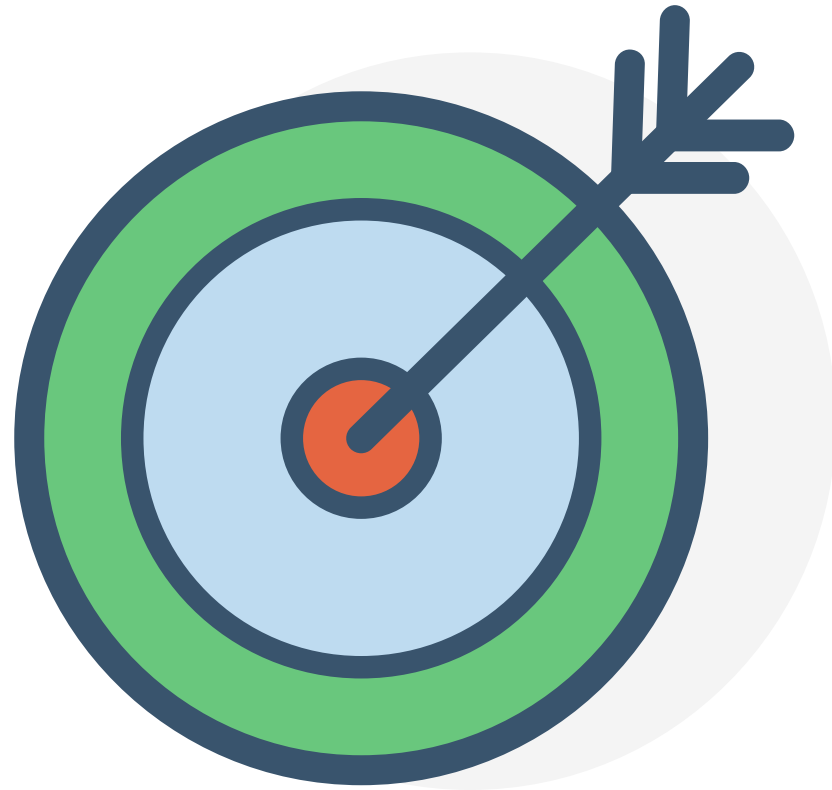
Employment First, Employment Now

We believe Oregon is strongest when all people have the supports they need to be proactive and contributing members of their communities.

Oregon APSE

What is the goal of Employment First?

"Employment First is a movement to deliver meaningful jobs, fair wages, and career advancement for people with disabilities."



All people working at community jobs at minimum wage or higher.



Reliable funding for people to have supported employment services



Increase in hours so people are working at least 20 hours/week

Who benefits from Employment First?

People with disabilities gain employment, fair wages, benefits, and the dignity that arises from gainful employment.

Employers receive talented employees and specialized support for job acquisition and retention.

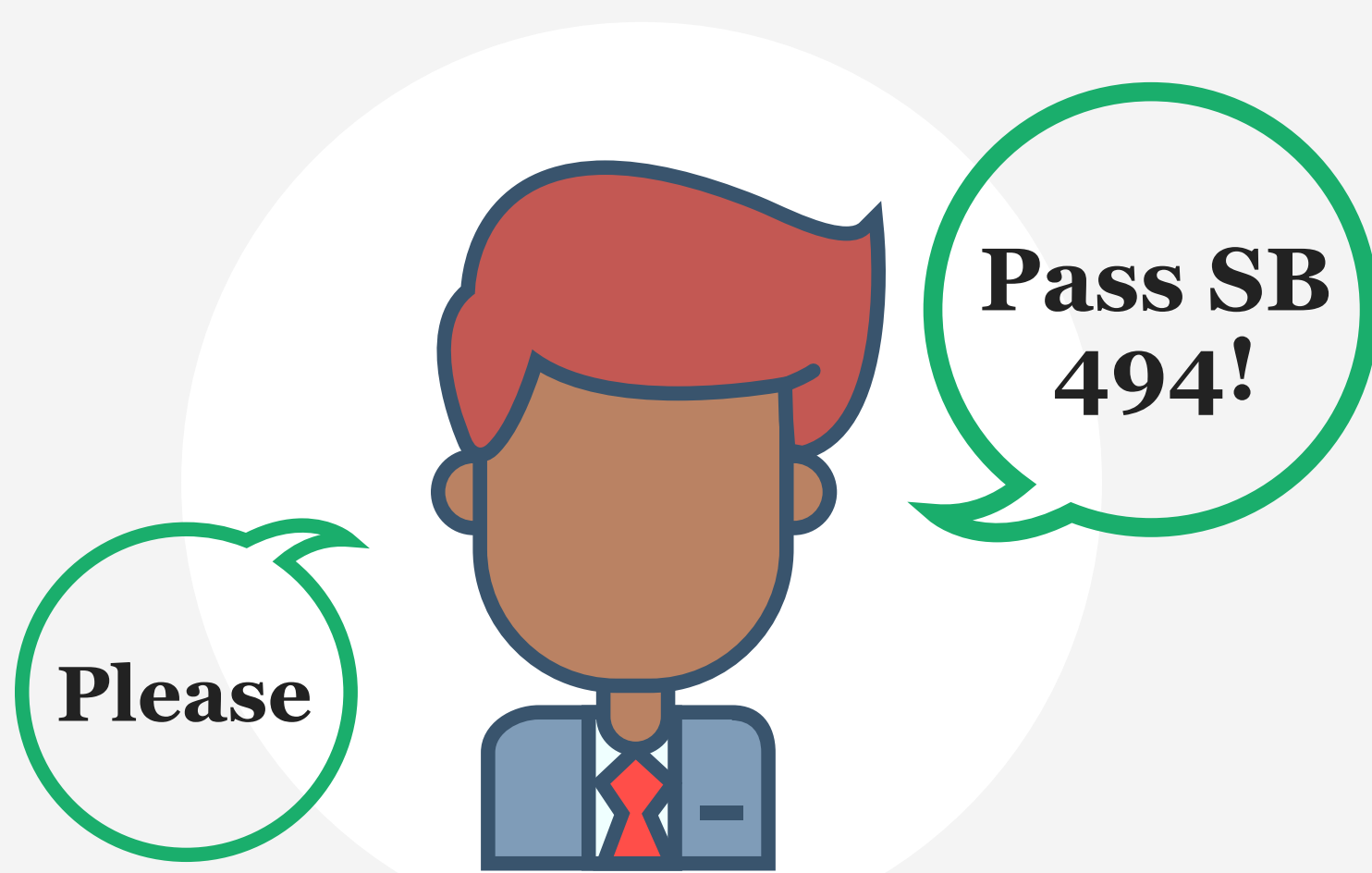
Communities feel the economic force of fair wages spent in the local economy and the valuable lesson of witnessing the many abilities of people with disabilities.



Families see a family member in an important role in the workplace.

Taxpayers spend less money than they would to support an individual with disabilities in a segregated day program and gain the economic contributions and tax revenue of fair wages.

Our 2019 Priorities | How can we get there?



We are the Oregon state chapter of APSE, a national non-profit organization that supports Employment First to facilitate the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace and community.

Please support the Employment First movement by doing the following:

- Increase provider rates
- Ensure DSPs have living wages
- Continue to invest in supported employment services
- Eliminate sub-minimum wages (SB 494)

Thank you for supporting the belief that all Oregonians can be employed, enjoy careers, and build assets in pursuit of meaningful lives.