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All Oregonians deserve access to quality and comprehensive mental health care including those who identify as having an intellectual/developmental disability. As a human service professional for over 20 years working with the IDD community, I have seen first hand the discrimination from professionals. This discrimination is mostly hiding behind false understandings and myths about the IDD community. There should be mandatory training for Oregon mental health providers on IDD specific needs so they can support and serve this community. Individuals with IDD deserve equal access to health care especially mental health care. Thank you!