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Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Supports

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: June 23, 2026

TO: OCDD/OIDD Stakeholders

FROM: Bernard Brown, OIDD Assistant Secretary

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SUBJECT: Official Name Change

With the Legislature's passage and the governor's signing of [Act 702](#), the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) has been renamed the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Supports, or the Office of I/DD Supports (OIDD).

This change comes as a result of extensive internal discussion and stakeholder outreach. Our leadership team met with the State Advisory Council and the Developmental Disabilities Council to discuss a potential name change. We polled internal staff and Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) senior staff for their input. We emailed a survey to the DD network, asking stakeholders to vote for their top choices and provided an opportunity for other suggestions or feedback. The survey generated 470 votes and some insightful comments, including two key takeaways: More than 30% said having both intellectual and developmental disabilities represented in the name was important. We also received numerous responses about the importance of person-centered language with an emphasis on support, rather than a service-based model. We thank everyone for the thoughtful feedback we received during this process.

While the name change is now official, the process of updating our documents, systems, and other materials to reflect this change will take some time. All rules, policies, and procedures remain in effect.

In the meantime, please feel free to share the attached fact sheet. You can also help us with this transition by updating any systems or materials you have that reference our

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name, acronym, or logo. To receive our new logo file, please email OCDDinfo@la.gov with the subject line "OIDD Logo Request" and information about where the logo will be used and the file format(s) needed.

Our name has changed, but our vision has not. We still believe in providing the right services at the right time in the right place, and we continue to work hard to ensure people with disabilities can live, work, and engage in the community of their choice; receive quality supports and services; and increase their independence.