



NEW JERSEY

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Employment First

Employment for All

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- ❑ Representation from Self Advocates, Family Members, Mental Health, DD Services, Employment Services, and Support Coordination on our Board of Directors
- ❑ Offer opportunities for Employment Professionals in NJ to meet with State Department Directors as well as networking events to promote collaboration
- ❑ Representation at NJ DVRS public policy forums

- ❑ Annual conference for up to 500 Employment Professionals for the last 25 years

- ❑ Multiple annual trainings to enhance the quality of employment services as well as information about best practices across NJ

- ❑ Enhancing the dissemination of information statewide about changes in Supported Employment policies

Employment First in NJ

- ❑ Overall NJ has seen a significant increase in awareness across the state about the NJ Employment First initiative
- ❑ NJ DDD and DVRS are both undergoing significant procedural changes to increase employment funding and services in NJ for all people with disabilities

NJ Department of Vocational and Rehabilitation Services

- ❑ Adding a Business Chief and Specialists state-wide to do direct outreach to employers in NJ about hiring individuals with disabilities
- ❑ Adaptation of the Trial Work Experience to enhance the probability of successful job matches
- ❑ Conducts highly successful Schedule A Hiring Events to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the Federal Government
- ❑ Holds public policy forums throughout the state to ensure input about policy changes and supported employment needs
- ❑ Continuation of One Stop Career Centers statewide to offer no cost assistance with career planning, offer job postings and ability to post resumes, trainings on resume writing, how to start your own business, etc.

NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities

- ❑ Increased funding and services availability for Employment through Supports Program waiver and updated CCW waiver
- ❑ Requirement of Employment Outcomes for all individuals who receive services to foster conversations about employment
- ❑ Let's Get to Work! - Wednesday April 26, 2017 - an opportunity for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families to sign up for a one-on-one guidance session with an employment expert to assist them with their employment goals
- ❑ Hold quarterly division updates for providers and families to disseminate information about procedural changes, new services available, etc.