



State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (Councils)

Summative Assessment (September 2020-July 2021)
Individual Grantee Profiles

Overview of Councils and Their Roles in Promoting Competitive, Integrated Employment (CIE)

To inform the direction of the TA Center, the project team conducted quantitative and qualitative analysis as part of the landscape assessment that identified current Council initiatives pertaining to CIE and areas of further development. Key highlights include:

Strengths

- Providing outreach, education, and advocacy targeted towards individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families
- Providing technical assistance and investments in innovative models
- Building coalitions and collaborating with state partners and the DD Network
- Promoting of diversity, equity, and inclusion through Council membership selection criteria
- Influencing public policy at the state and federal level

Challenges

- Spreading awareness about the roles and contributions of Councils to external entities
- Prioritizing employment and economic advancement of individuals with I/DD within their strategic plan
- Influencing major policy reforms

TA Center Offerings Targeted towards Councils

The TA Center's team provided the following offerings targeted towards Councils:

- Council Resource #1: Employment First (Part 1): An Overview of Strategies for Promoting & Furthering Employment First Goals
- Council Resource #2: Employment First (Part 2): Working with Other Partners in the DD Network and Beyond to Further Employment First Systems Change
- Council Resource #3: Supporting CIE as a part of Value-Based Design in Managed Long-term Supports and Services (MLTSS) States
- Council Resource #4: How Councils Can Invest Effectively in Employment Systems Change & Provider Transformation Efforts

The TA Center also launched a RISE e-learning community, Advancing Council Strategic Planning Processes to Accelerate Systems Change focused on CIE and Socioeconomic Advancement of People with Disabilities, from April to August 2021. The TA Center plans to launch another RISE e-learning community, Walking the Walk: Prioritizing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Organizational Culture and Programming to Support People of Color with Disabilities Achieve Maximum CIE, which will be open to Councils.



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Council Participation in TA Center Activities

- **46 individuals affiliated with 18 Councils** have participated in at least one national Community of Practice (CoP) webinar between March and July 2021
- Councils with the **highest attendance** at CoP webinars included:
 - New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (4 webinars)
 - Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities (4 webinars)
 - West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council (4 webinars)
- The following Councils participated in the Results & Innovation in Systems Excellence (RISE) Peer Action Learning Community, **Advancing Council Strategic Planning Processes to Accelerate Systems Change focused on CIE and Socioeconomic Advancement of People with Disabilities**, that was only open to Councils:
 - District of Columbia (DC) Developmental Disabilities Council
 - Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities
 - New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
 - Puerto Rico's Developmental Disabilities Council
- The following Councils participated in the RISE Community, **Building Back Better: Reinventing Our Approach to CIE**, that was open to all AoD grantees:
 - DC Developmental Disabilities Council
 - North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities
 - Florida Developmental Disabilities Council