



## Year in Review – Leading Webinars and Technical Assistance Resources

As the calendar year draws to a close, the Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center (DETAC) highlights our most popular resources accessed during 2023. The lists below feature the most popular webinars and technical assistance (TA) resources our stakeholders utilized this year as we collaborated to advance competitive, integrated employment (CIE) in our communities. We invite you to check out anything you may have missed.

### Webinars

Our top 5 most attended DETAC webinars:

- [Exploring the Ticket to Work Program to Elevate Employment for Job Seekers with Disabilities](#) (February 2023): In this webinar, participants heard from a senior Social Security Administration official and a Center for Independent Living (CIL) leader about how the Ticket to Work program supports people with disabilities find jobs and provides another funding stream for CILs.
- [Fitting the Pieces Together: Assistive Technology Solutions for Brain Injury and Employment](#) (May 2023): During this webinar, presenters from the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) and state assistive technology (AT) programs shared how AT plays a critical role in employment success and reviewed case examples.
- [Let's Explore the Emergence of Artificial Intelligence Work Tools](#) (July 2023): In collaboration with the Office of Disability Employment Policy's (ODEP) Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT) and a guest speaker from the artificial intelligence field (Floreo), this webinar explored new tools that are changing the way we interact with the world and could shape the future of work for people with disabilities.
- [New Year, New Goals, New Outcomes for Employment](#) (January 2023): In this webinar, the Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) and Seeking Employment, Equality, and Community for People with Developmental Disabilities (SEEC) shared project management strategies to support people with disabilities in achieving successful outcomes in employment and community living.
- [Let's Commemorate the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: The Power of Independent Living & Employment](#) (September 2023): During this webinar, participants heard from the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) and the Regional Access and Mobilization Project Center for Independent Living (RAMP CIL) about successful strategies they adopted to move people with disabilities out of institutions and to obtain and retain CIE.

#### Ticket to Work Webinar Participant Quotes

- “The presentation was easy to follow and just the right amount of time.”
- “The Ticket to Work websites will help me share relevant information with consumers.”

To access all previous DETAC webinars and find information about our upcoming events, please visit the “Events” tab on the DETAC [website](#).



## TA Resources

Our top 5 most accessed TA resources:

1. [The Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) and the End to Sheltered Workshops](#) (July 2021): This blog post explores the legal framework and historical context for system reform to end sheltered workshops and improve access to CIE for people with disabilities receiving publicly-financed supports.

**The ADA and the End to Sheltered Workshops**  
*Blog Post Excerpt*  
*“The law is clear: sheltered workshops are segregated settings that are unnecessary. The facts are clear: sheltered workshops pay people with disabilities a pittance for their labor and are unlikely to lead to a real job in the community. And the trend is clear: in light of the requirements of the ADA, and the sordid history of sheltered workshops, people with disabilities should be – in fact, must be – provided the opportunity and supports to work in Competitive Integrated Employment.”*
2. [Why Employment Matters: A Resource Guide by and for Self-Advocates Interested in Pursuing Competitive, Integrated Employment](#) (September 2021): This guide is an informational resource for people with significant disabilities and their families to encourage self-advocates to pursue CIE. This resource is designed for dissemination by Independent Living Centers, the Developmental Disabilities Network, and Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Programs.
3. [The Business Side of Things: Employment and Brain Injury](#) (July 2022): This podcast features a panel discussion from an employer perspective on challenges and successes in acquiring and maintaining employment. National labor market trends and practices are highlighted. An individual living with brain injury shares her personal journey from injury to work.
4. [The New Normal](#) (January 2023): In this podcast Nicole LeBlanc, DETAC’s Self-Advocate Advisor, discusses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for people with disabilities. Topics covered include the increased health risk and unemployment for people with disabilities, as well as positive developments in the “new normal” with remote work and telehealth.
5. [The National Landscape of Subminimum Wage, Implications and Recommendations to Elevate Competitive Integrated Employment](#) (June 2023): This brief provides historical context on subminimum wage for workers with disabilities, and addresses state and federal actions taken to phase out or eliminate the 14(c) program. This brief also recommends strategies to effectively transition away from 14(c) programs.

**The National Landscape of Subminimum Wage, Implications and Recommendations to Elevate Competitive Integrated Employment**  
*Brief Excerpt*  
*“[Society] needs to continue addressing the stigma that many people including employers – have about hiring people with disabilities, especially those individuals with the most significant disabilities. Many diversity, equity and inclusion efforts integrate strategies to identify and support disability related approaches to address stereotyping and stigma based on disability. Employers should be encouraged to make hiring people with disabilities an essential part of creating a diverse workforce and emphasize the unique perspectives and experiences that employees with disabilities bring to the table.”*

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