



RISE e-Learning Community Summary

The Past, Present, and Future of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) Facilitating Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

Summary

From May through August 2024, Able South Carolina (Able SC) facilitated two cohorts of the Past, Present, and Future of CILs Facilitating Pre-ETS Results and Innovation in Systems Excellence (RISE) peer e-learning community, for the Administration on Disabilities (AoD) Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center (DETAC). The purpose of the community was to provide CILs supporting the employment outcomes of youth with disabilities with an overview of Pre-ETS, lessons learned from other CILs, and considerations for student engagement in Pre-ETS planning and implementation. Centers for Independent Living play a pivotal role in assisting individuals with disabilities in every aspect of community living including providing support obtaining employment opportunities. For Pre-ETS, programming collaboration is key. Able SC shared how Walton Options for Independent Living and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies use approaches implementing and providing Pre-ETS services. The best practices to support persons with disabilities in competitive, integrated employment (CIE) utilize these partnerships to advance CIE for people with disabilities.

Session Details and Recording Links

- Session 1:** [Comparing and Contrasting Youth Transition Services Across Publicly Funded Agencies](#)
- Session 2:** [Mapping CIL Services for In-School Youth](#)
- Session 3:** [Lessons from the Field for CILs Facilitating Pre-ETS](#)
- Session 4:** [Bringing it All Together: The Past, Present, and Future of CILs Facilitating Pre-ETS](#)

Action Steps Participants are Taking to Facilitate Pre-ETS

- Adjusting Pre-ETS curricula and programming based on lessons learned from participation in the RISE community.
- Conducting outreach to build relationships and collaborate more effectively with VR services and schools, highlighting the relevance and benefits of CILs facilitating Pre-ETS for youth with disabilities.
- Encouraging student engagement in Pre-ETS planning and implementation.

Related Resources

[Engaging Youth with Disabilities in the Delivery of Pre-Employment Transition Services](#)

[Able South Carolina Pre-Employment Transition Services Partnership](#)

[Universal Design for Learning](#)

