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The Role of American Job Centers (AJCs) in Promoting *Access to Good Jobs for All*



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Agenda

- Welcome
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) 2024
- Overview of American Job Centers (AJCs)
- Panel Discussion
- Question and Answer (Q&A Session)
- Resources and Closing

NDEAM 2024



<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>

An Overview of American Job Centers

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Overview of American Job Centers (AJCs)

- The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) provides funding through State Workforce Boards for AJCs.
- AJCs are operated by government agencies, community organizations and community colleges.
- To support people with disabilities in receiving services in the most accessible manner, AJCs focus on doing so through a strategy called Universal Design.
- Learn more about where to access services in your area on the Career OneStop website: <https://www.careeronestop.org/localhelp/service-locator.aspx>

Panel Discussion



Panelist Introductions



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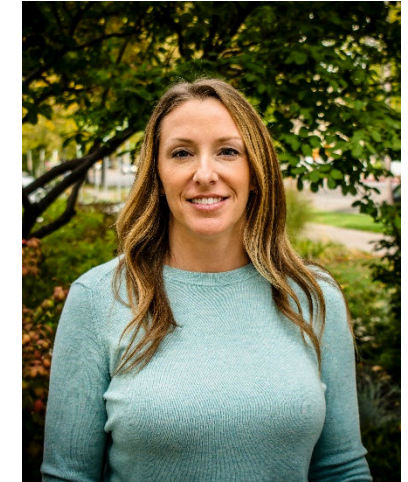
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CO Disability Program Navigator (DPN) Overview

The Role of the DPN

- A liaison between Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and local workforce areas, supporting the following efforts:
 - Increasing co-enrollments and gainful, meaningful employment
 - Creating a greater sequencing of services
 - Fostering stronger collaboration cross local Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Core Partners
 - Providing technical assistance and training to staff from both programs
 - Increasing workforce center programmatic accessibility

Goals of the DPN

- Fund full-time disability subject matter expert
- Build a knowledge base of community services to benefit job seekers with disabilities
- Help with assistive technology use
- Establish a robust relationship with DVR and the local workforce areas to blend and braid funding
- Align services to decrease duplication
- Increase employment outcomes for people with disabilities and expand our workforce in Colorado

NY Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Overview

- The NY SCION initiative launched in January 2022 to address employment challenges for individuals with disabilities across New York State.
- The initiative aims to:
 - Create inclusive opportunities and drive systems change to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities in NY
 - Expand access to career services: provide comprehensive support and resources to enable successful employment for people with disabilities
- Collaborative Approach: NY SCION is a joint effort involving multiple stakeholders to develop and implement solutions that address the employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Discussion Part 1

- What types of employment services do you offer in the community?
- What innovative practices have you implemented to serve people with disabilities?

Discussion Part 2

- How can people with disabilities access services at an AJC?
- How have you used universal design to promote accessibility?

Discussion Part 3

- What is the eligibility process to receive services at an AJC?

Discussion Part 4

- How do AJCs collaborate with other WIOA partners?
- Why are these and other partnerships important?

Discussion Part 5

- How do AJCs market their services?

Q&A Session

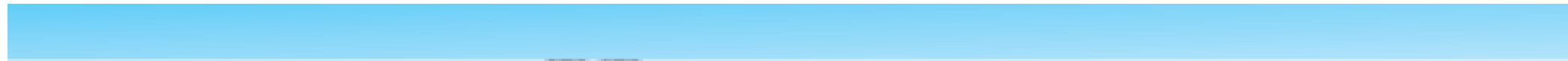
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Resources

- [American Job Center \(AJC\) Overview](#)
- [Building Inclusive Higher Education Programs in Places Where They Don't Exist: A Series of Family Perspectives](#)
- [Debunking Myths About Working and the Loss of Benefits Podcast](#)
- [The Importance of Being Earnest: Brain-Injury Informed Competencies for Employment Service Providers](#)

NDEAM Resources



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