

# 2017 Iowa Community of Practice

## **February 14<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

Benefits Planning: The Role in Employment & Iowa Resources with Mistie Johnson, CWIC, Work Incentives Planning & Assistance, & Brian Dennis, Disability Employment Initiative, Iowa Workforce. This session will feature information & resources on the role of benefits planning in transition planning & supports for students, as well as for adults who are employed or looking to be competitively employed, as well as educators & families. Learn what services are available through WIPA in supporting an individual to achieve competitive employment, as well as the role & value of collaborating with partners including IVRS, Workforce, & regions.

## **March 16<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

Translating Information Learned in Discovery into Successful Employment with Abby Cooper. This session will feature discussion & guidance in translating information from Discovery into tasks and skills to be negotiated and that lead to an individualized job.

## **April 11<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

Engaging & Utilizing Workforce to Support Successful Employment Outcomes with Brian Dennis, Disability Employment Initiative, Iowa Workforce. As stakeholders work together to partner around integrated competitive employment & implementation of WIOA, collaboration is paramount. This session will feature information on how to connect with & access your local Workforce Centers, & services, resources, & training programs available to job seekers with various barriers to employment.

## **May 9<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

Everything WIOA & Section 511- with Page Eastin Iowa Department of Human Rights, Lee Ann Russo Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, & LeAnn Mokowitz, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. This session will feature guidance, resources, & tools for all partners in achieving quality pre-employment training services & paid work prior to graduation for students & youth, & access to & outcomes for individuals pursuing integrated employment. Highlights will include career counseling, service examples & success stories, & clarification around roles & documentation.

## **June 13<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

The Role of Person-Centered in Achieving Integrated Employment Outcomes with LeAnn Moskowitz, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, & Luna Baccam, Department of Human Services, Targeted Case Management. This session will provide instruction, strategies, & guidance in the application of person-centered planning, & utilizing Iowa's Employment 1<sup>st</sup> Guide as a tool to support conversations & planning for individualized employment. There will also be information & clarification provided around the role of case managers/care coordinators related to career counseling under WIOA.

## **July 11<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

Iowa's Success Stories -Join us this session to hear success stories from across the state in transition, integrated employment, & transformation of services.

**August 8<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

Business Engagement Strategies to Support Successful Employment Outcomes, with Michelle Krefft, Business Consultant with IVRS, and Ashlea Lantz, Griffin-Hammis Associates. This session will feature information & strategies to engage business partners, identifying & presenting unmet needs & how to present features & benefits of your business services, & how to negotiate on behalf of the job seeker.

**August 10<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**

Successful Transition Practices & Partnering with Schools with Erika Siefken & Becky Kjellsen, Emmetsburg Schools, & Julie Christensen, Center for Disability & Development. This session will feature an update from Emmetsburg schools with Erika & Becky, as they share those strategies that have been successful for them in getting students paid work prior to graduation. Julie will share information & resources related to model transition programs in both New York & Texas, including outcomes data & antidotes as project director for the Partnerships in Employment project in New York.