

## Announcing



## The DDSD Employment Training Project

### What is it?

DD Waiver Standards\* list qualifications and competencies requirements for staff members providing Supported Employment job coaching/consultation as well as job development.

These qualifications were based on nationally recognized APSE competencies for employment staff.

New Mexico is a member of the national Supported Employment Leadership Network (SELN). SELN has identified nationally recognized curriculums that meet those APSE competencies and DDSD requirements. DDSD will purchase the rights to one of those curriculums. Stakeholders will help decide what additional information would be good to add specific to New Mexico.

*\*Reference 2007 DD Waiver Standards, page 69-73, Chapter 5 Community Inclusion Services, V. Community Inclusion - Supported Employment Services, D. Provider Agency Requirements*

### Where is it?

The New Mexico Employment Institute will offer classroom training as well as train the trainer training in New Mexico after this curriculum is purchased. The courses will eventually be available, on demand, on-line.

**How is it funded?**

This project is completely funded through the federal Focus on Abilities Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) that New Mexico's Human Services Department received.

**When is the timeline?**

The project will run through December 2011. If additional funding is allocated by the U.S. Congress, the project will be extended through December 2012.

**Who benefits from this training?**

People with disabilities can be supported to enriched employment outcomes by employment staff members who complete this training. Supported Employment staff members will have access to nationally recognized training that meets nationally recognized competency standards. Providers can save per person costs of registration for on-line training and also access classroom training for staff members who have that learning preference.

**How can I give learn more and give ideas for New Mexico additions?**

Check with your regional Community Inclusion Team Supported Employment Coordinator to find when an Employment Leadership Meeting is scheduled this July or August in your region to discuss the curriculum and get your input about additions needed for New Mexico.

**More questions?**

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