Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

EMPOWERMENT • OPPORTUNITY • INCLUSION

EMPLOYMENT:

Transforming & Improving Practices, Customized Technical Assistance (TIP) Grants

LOCATION: Statewide | **FUNDING:** $73,702

GOALS

Council Goal: Children and adults with developmental disabilities meaningfully participate in all facets of community life, and are valued and supported by their communities.

Council Objective(s):

3.5 - Increase community-based employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, including people with significant support needs.

3.6 - In collaboration with people with developmental disabilities, their families, and stakeholders, increase opportunities for people with developmental disabilities living in rural areas to find and maintain employment by reducing barriers unique to rural areas.

Goals of Initiative: This purpose of this initiative is to improve the employment outcomes of people with developmental disabilities and to support them in having meaningful days when not working. Grants will build the capacity of community service providers licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

OVERVIEW

This is the second round of funding for TIP Grants. (The first round was funded in 2016.) Grants will support customized technical assistance by subject matter experts so that providers improve the way services are delivered. More people with developmental disabilities will be supported to get and maintain employment in their communities and have meaningful days when not working.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES
- Fund technical assistance for 10 organizations:
  - Ardmore Enterprises
  - Bayside Community Network
  - Community Living, Inc.
  - Gallagher Services

- Opportunity Builders
- Rehabilitation Opportunities
- The Arc Baltimore
- The Arc Central Chesapeake Region
- The Arc Montgomery County

OUTCOMES

- Increased number of people with developmental disabilities in community jobs they choose.

- Increased number of people with developmental disabilities who meaningfully participate in their communities when not working.

- Improved employment supports and services, reflected in the mission, policies, and practices of providers.

- Increased information sharing and collaboration through a facilitated learning community for all grant recipients to share their efforts to improve outcomes and receive mutual peer support.