



STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES—NORTH BAY OFFICE
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Workshop on Community-Based Employment

Imagine the Possibilities

Join us for this important workshop on Community-Based Employment



Work is good! It offers an opportunity to become more independent, make new friends and earn money. Yet the idea of getting a job can be daunting for a job seeker and his or her family.

Where do I start?
What kind of work can I do?
Who can help me?

Who should attend?

- NBRC clients (and/or their parents) who are considering Employment
- Transition-age Youth
- School personnel and service providers

You will learn about -

- Customized placement services, which can be used to find the RIGHT job for you
- The services and supports available to help you find and keep a job
- NBRC's new program service model that braids employment and community integration services to create comprehensive wrap around supports
- How work may impact your SSI/SSDI benefits if you work

PRESENTER: Sara Murphy, WorkLink/TransCen, Inc., national expert on employment

The workshop is at two locations and dates:

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 2015
Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street, Santa Rosa

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Solano County Office of Education
5100 Business Center Dr, Fairfield

There is **no cost** to attend this training, **but** as space is limited, **registration is required!** Register with the State Council's North Bay Office at 707-648-4073 northbay@scdd.ca.gov

This workshop is presented through a Program Development Fund grant from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities awarded to Trans Cen Inc. The following agencies are collaborating with the Council and Trans Cen Inc. to create innovative ways to increase employment for individuals with developmental disabilities: North Bay Regional Center, Production Services Industries, and Redwood Enterprise Industries.

Proposed Agreement Creates Employment Opportunities

In a Press Release Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the Department of Justice announced a proposed settlement agreement with the state of Oregon. The proposed agreement resolves the first class action lawsuit in the nation to challenge a state funded and administered employment service system, including sheltered workshops, as a violation of the ADA's integration mandate.

The agreement will open opportunities for approximately 7,000 Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who can and want to work in typical employment settings in the community.

The Department of Justice alleged that Oregon's employment services system unnecessarily placed people with developmental disabilities in, or at risk of entering, sheltered workshops instead of in integrated jobs in the community, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA, affords individuals with disabilities the right to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

While the proposed settlement agreement, which must be approved by a U.S. Magistrate, is specific to Oregon, the message will be received by other states that their employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities must be provided in integrated, not segregated, settings.

Learn more at http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/olmstead_cases_list2.htm#lane

California Data Brief on Employment

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has developed a data brief displaying employment outcomes for individuals by regional center.

The data brief uses employment data from California's National Core Indicators (NCI) Adult Consumer Survey from fiscal year 2011- 2012. The information can be used, according to DDS, to engage communities and develop realistic state and local employment goals.

The employment rate in community jobs for working-age individuals with developmental disabilities in California is 13%, compared to the general population rate of 73%. Of that 13%, 3 of 10 are employed in competitive employment; 2 of 10 in individual supported community employment, and, 4 of 10 in group-supported community employment.

Including community employment as a goal in the IPP of a person who is unemployed and wants a job can be the first step.

Regional Self Advocacy Meeting

A meeting for youth and adults with developmental disabilities

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Becoming Independent
1425 Corporate Center Parkway
Santa Rosa CA

Featured presenter – Ari Ne’eman



Ari Ne’eman is the President and co-founder of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. In 2009, President Obama nominated Ari to the National Council on Disability, a federal agency charged with advising Congress and the President on disability policy issues. He was confirmed by the Senate in July 2010 and currently chairs the Council’s Entitlements Committee.

Ari will talk about how he became involved with self-advocacy, the future of services for people who have developmental disabilities, and how you can get more involved in self advocacy. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from a national self-advocacy leader!

Please feel free to bring your own lunch. We will provide light refreshments. There is limited space available. **Please RSVP by Sept 22nd to:**

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*Thank you to Becoming Independent for
use of their meeting space!*

State Plan Survey

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities has been collecting information for its State Plan through public meetings and on-line and print surveys. The Council recently announced it will keep its website survey links open and active until the end of the year for the purpose of continuing to collect information statewide – especially in regard to the state’s unserved/underserved populations.

The Council is committed to obtain input from ethnic/cultural minority populations. To that effort, the Council survey has been translated into 14 languages including English and Spanish. It is available in print from the State Council or any of its regional office.

The information obtained from the public will be used to develop the Council's State Plan to guide the focused application of the Council's resources, staff, and grants over a 5-year period. Your input is needed, please complete our survey.

State Plan Survey

SCDD wants to help and we need information from you.
Please take a moment to complete our online survey.

- [State Plan Survey](#)
- [Plan Estatal de Desarrollo de 5 años: Reunión Abierta y Preguntas de la Encuesta](#)

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