



EMPLOYMENT:

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

LOCATION: Statewide

FUNDING: \$70,572

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, and 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.

OVERVIEW

This project will assist providers across Maryland to improve their services through customized technical assistance by subject matter experts resulting in more people with developmental disabilities who are supported to get and maintain employment in their communities and have meaningful days when not working.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Fund technical assistance for 13 organizations, 5 of which focus on rural areas in Maryland: Appalachian Parent Association (Garrett); Bay Community Support Services (Anne Arundel); Change, Inc. (Carroll); CHI Centers (Montgomery); Head Injury Rehabilitation & Referral Services (Montgomery); Humanim, Inc. & Compass, Inc. (Howard); Itineris, Inc. (Baltimore City); Providence Center (Anne Arundel); Spring Dell Center (Charles); The Arc of Howard County; The Arc Prince George's County; The Arc Southern Maryland; The Arc of Washington County.
- Facilitate a learning community for all grant recipients to share their efforts to improve employment outcomes and receive mutual peer support.

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,