



EMPLOYMENT:

ACRE Job Development Training

LOCATION: Eastern Shore, Southern MD, Western MD

| **FUNDING:** \$5,000

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

Goals of Initiative: 50 direct support professionals (20 in Eastern Shore, 15 in Southern MD, and 15 in Western MD) throughout Maryland will receive ACRE Approved Basic Community Employment Certification Training.

OVERVIEW

This project will increase the skill and knowledge of direct support professionals in best practices of customized job development for people with developmental disabilities. The Council and MD Works are co-sponsoring this initiative that will fund ACRE Certification Training for direct support professionals in three regions of Maryland from nationally renowned experts Griffin-Hammis Associates.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Sponsor three regional trainings led by subject matter experts about job development and customized employment for 50 direct support professionals.
- At the conclusion of the training, professionals will be certified in job development and discovery process.

OUTCOMES

- Increased knowledge and skills of 50 direct support professionals, leading to improved job development and discovery and better employment outcomes for people with developmental disabilities.