



EMPLOYMENT:

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

LOCATION: Statewide

| **FUNDING:** \$50,000; \$20,000 match

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):

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

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 fourth round of funding for TIP Grants. In partnership with Maryland Works, Inc. these grants support customized technical assistance by subject matter experts, so that providers improve the way supports and services are provided. More people with developmental disabilities are supported to get and keep the meaningful work they want in their communities, and have meaningful days when not working. All grant recipients will participate in a learning community to share their efforts, improve employment outcomes, and receive mutual peer support.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Fund technical assistance to the following organizations, four of which are in rural areas:
 - Chesapeake Center (rural)
 - Chesterwye Center (rural)
 - CHI Center
 - Harford Center (rural)
 - Scott Key Center
 - St. Peter's Adult Learning Center
 - Star Community (rural)

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.