



EMPLOYMENT:

Addressing the Technology Needs of People with Developmental Disabilities

LOCATION: Statewide

| **FUNDING:** \$72,900; \$24,300 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 access to community-based services and supports.

Goals of Initiative: Increase access to virtual employment and meaningful day services for people with developmental disabilities.

OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting all Marylanders, including people with developmental disabilities supported by the Council's Transforming and Improving Practices (TIP) grants. This time-limited demonstration project protects the Council's current investment in round 4 TIP grants, by addressing the urgent technology needs of people with developmental disabilities seeking virtual employment and meaningful day services.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Fund the purchase of technology for people supported by the following current TIP grantees:
 - Chesapeake Center (rural)
 - Chesterwye Center (rural)
 - CHI Center
 - Harford Center (rural)
 - Scott Key Center
 - St. Peter's Adult Learning Center
- Report on services provided virtually, and lessons learned to inform systems change.

OUTCOMES

- Increased number of people receiving employment support and meaningful day services.
- Inform systems change efforts to provide services and supports to people with developmental disabilities in emergency situations.