

Employment First Committee

Preparation Meeting

April 17, 2012



**Work is for all**

# Employment First Preparation Meeting Agenda



## Welcome

## Review Committee Agenda



Minutes from January 18, 2012

## Self advocate report on activities and data

## Post School (After High School) Employment Goals

(Department of Education)

## How to measure employment outcomes?

Employment Development Dept.  
Department of Rehabilitation  
Department of Developmental Services

## Legislation



AB 2338 Next steps  
Future legislative priorities

## Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults *(Olivia Raynor)*

ARCA New Day Conference  
Review Council grant funding for 2011/12 and funding priorities for 2013



## Self Advocate Report



1. What information did you collect from your communities about employment?



2. Other ideas to suggest for action?



## Post School Employment Goals Department of Education

*Comments/Questions*

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## How are employment outcomes measured?



Employment Development Department  
Department of Rehabilitation  
Department of Developmental Services

*Comments/Questions*

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## Employment First Policy

It is the policy of the State of California that integrated competitive employment is the priority outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.

“Work is for all”

# Legislation – AB254 (Review)



SCDD sponsored AB 254 (put Employment First Policy into law)

## Key Points:

- At 14 years, Regional Centers assure information about EFP and integrated employment and service options are provided.  
*(include information about education/training after high school)*
- Respects rights of people to make informed choices about IPP, services and supports.
- DDS may request information from Regional Centers on EF activities and numbers of people in competitive employment.



Similar to AB254 - **Did not pass**

Includes Employment First Policy and new parts that say:

- Employment First Policy is in line with Lanterman Act.
- Does not remove right to make choices about services or supports.
- Does not expand entitlement.

Likely to be less costly, only requires planning team to talk about school-to-work at IPP meetings and let people know about Employment First Policy.





## No Requirements :

For school-to-work plans for students 14 years and older.

For DDS to collect data from Regional Centers on Employment First progress.

DDS “may” collect data



## **MAIN ACTIVITIES:**

- Develop shared vision
- Identify good models for transition
- Increase skills through trainings and conferences
- Share information about progress and resources
- California Employment First website

Report to EF Committee - Olivia Raynor

# ARCA New Day Conference

**SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**Pasadena**

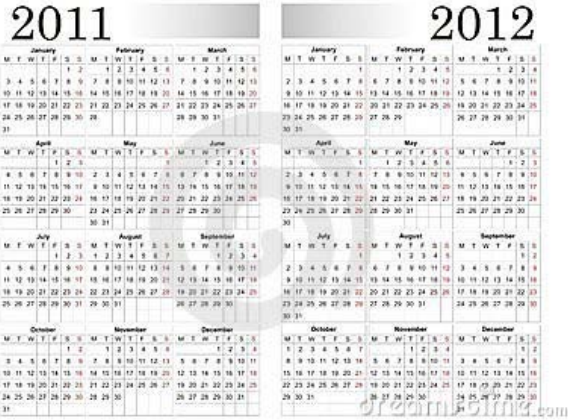


**MAKE HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT A REALITY**

Collaboration and Sharing

Innovative practices and projects

# Council Grant Funding



## EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS 2011-2012

Review projects from meeting packet  
pages 28-32

**NEW IDEA**

What do you think about having employment based grants and their outcomes posted on the [www.scddadvocacy.org](http://www.scddadvocacy.org) website?



## EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS

### Suggest Priorities for 2013

- a. Transition to work, why?*
- b. Benefits education, why?*
- c. Exploring community connections for employment, why?*



## Employment First Committee



Accomplishments of the Employment First Committee this year

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