

TOPIC: Supported Employment

# Competitive Employment for People with IDD: PROGRESS TOWARD INTEGRATED COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Recent research has shown that supported employment interventions for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) has a significant positive impact on their employment acquisition and sustainability. The following is needed to better promote the importance of competitive integrated employment for people with IDD:

- Providing training to create more competent employment specialists
- Federally fund research that focuses on the issue of CIE
- Have better school-community relationships
- Provide transition and employment knowledge to family members
- Having more inclusive social skills instruction through more integration
- Before graduation, create a seamless transition to paid employment



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