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THE EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LIAISON PROJECT

Understand, Plan, Succeed.

The Employment Navigation Technical Assistance Liaison Project is a collaborative initiative among Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Association of County Boards, and Regional System Partners. The main purpose behind the project is to help build capacity and a network of support for Service and Support Administrators (SSAs) in County Boards functioning as Employment Navigators. Employment Navigation Technical Assistance Liaison will assist SSAs performing the Employer Navigator function to access and increase the knowledge and expertise necessary to initiate successful planning and coordination of supports to help job-seekers gain meaningful employment.

The main goals for the project are helping to develop capacity in:

- Determining how County Boards will utilize Employment Navigation in their SSA Departments
- Developing skills and expertise in helping job-seekers and support teams create an inclusive, outcomes-based person-centered plan
- Improving integrated employment outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities

- Building a working knowledge of employment-related systems including: Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, School systems, and Workforce Development (Ohio Means Jobs), among other partners
- Understanding the Employment First Transition Framework and developing general knowledge about services and supports available for transition-age youth
- Developing and maintaining positive relationships with the community for promotion of community employment options for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Liaisons will tailor trainings and webinars to each County Board's needs and capacities. Initially, they will be reaching out to leadership at regional County Board sites, to discuss the project, and the current situation in each county, in order to customize and develop subject matter trainings and other supports that will yield specific and productive results.

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