

Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities

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Executive Summary and Introduction

The introduction has been heavily edited since April. Also, Rich drafted the Executive Summary. Rich and David will discuss the changes to the Introduction and the thinking behind the Executive Summary.



Capacity Building in the Marketplace

After discussions with Capacity, Marketplace has rewritten and expanded earlier recommendations addressing both training for employment service personnel as well additional funding within the workforce system. Marketplace has also added a new recommendation that calls for increased funding for the Social Security Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project (WIPA). In addition, the new recommendation calls for increased collaboration between DOL and SSA to encourage the onboarding of SSA Ticket to Work Employment Networks (ENs) into American Job Center sites.



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Marketplace has also worked closely with ETA to revise and refine their recommendations, especially with regards to AJCs. ETA provided valuable technical assistance to assure accuracy with the recently finalized WIOA regulations.



Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment will require Capacity Building

Capacity tweaked this recommendation after discussion with Marketplace – this recommendation focuses on personnel training at the state level

The state Medicaid agency, the state Department of Labor, the state Vocational Rehabilitation agency, the state Mental Health agency, the designated state I/DD agency, and the state education agency in each state should: encourage the development of state/local standards or adopt national standards of professional competence in providing CIE services; and support professional development that includes the development of organization leaders, program managers, and professional employment staff responsible for delivering CIE services.



Building Capacity for Youth

The Transition group added more details to a proposed recommendation on Assistive Technology. The recommendation urges the Departments of Justice and Education to issue specific joint agency guidance regarding Assistive Technology. Specifically, the recommendation also addresses the use of Assistive Technology assessments as connected to the interpretation of Least Restrictive Environment, WIOA Section 511, and Americans with Disabilities Act Title II and Olmstead provisions.



Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment in the AbilityOne[®] Program

The AbilityOne subcommittee added language proposing pilot projects that substantially reduce the contract hour percentage as well as authorizing NPAs to increase the percentage of work that may be subcontracted to for-profit companies where there is an obligation for subcontractors to hire AbilityOne participants. The subcommittee urges that new pilots should also test the awarding of AbilityOne contracts from federal customers to private industries who would be allowed to meet the minimum work hour requirements with competitive integrated employment opportunities elsewhere in their business outside the contract. Further, the subcommittee notes that all employees of potential for-profit entities participating in the program should be covered by the FLRA.

