"Inform and train individuals with IDD and their families in the Employment First Policy."

Policy Priority Worksheet

Individuals with IDD and their families need information early on about the Employment First Policy, the possibilities for CIE for all individuals, and the services and supports that can help individuals and their families get there. Service systems respond to demand from consumers and families. Having the knowledge about the possibilities for CIE will lead to people asking for the necessary supports to get there.

SCDD could contribute to this work through expansion of its Employment First/Data Dashboard webpages to include stories of success, best practices, employment resources, and training materials. Also, the Council could use its regional staff to train people at the local level about the Employment First Policy and what it could mean for them.

1) Should EFC play a role in informing self-advocates and families about the Blueprint? If yes, please answer the following questions. If no, please identify what specifically EFC can do now to actively address this policy priority and who would do the work. Feel free to write on the back.

2) What is EFC uniquely positioned to do in order to inform self-advocates and families about the Blueprint?

3) What would ‘informing self-advocates and families about the Blueprint’ look like? What is the message and how would it be delivered?

4) Would we need to partner with any person or entity? If so, who would that be and how would we partner?

5) What would our timeline look like?

6) What would be the EFC Member and SCDD staff roles and responsibilities?