

EFC Report – CIE

October 4, 2021

Update on Blueprint Implementation

- Blueprint Annual Report Years 3 and 4 will be released as a combined report.
- DDS sent out the annual survey to regional center to collect Paid Internship Program (PIP) and Competitive Integrated Employment – Incentive Payment (CIE-IP) data for the year 4 report and is currently reviewing the data received.
- LPA Technical Assistance videos have been posted to the CHHS website, in the LPA Toolkit. Topics include the following;
 - Plan Coordination and Consensus-Based Decision Making
 - COVID-19 Coordinating Responses
 - Provision of Community-Based Pre-Vocational Foundational Skills Development in the LPA
 - Business Engagement in the LPA
- Link to videos: [Local Partnership Agreement Templates - California Health and Human Services](#)
- The Blueprint Team will be scheduling meetings with individual LPAs to get updated resources, success stories and impacts, areas of improvement, and discuss the longevity of the LPA after the 5-year Blueprint Implementation has concluded.
- More than 55 LPAs are posted at <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/cie/elementor-11522/>.

Update on the Implementation of DDS/DOR Data Sharing Agreement

- Business Use Case Proposal, the data sharing agreement between DDS and DOR aligning with the CHHS Agency requirements, has been executed in July 2021.

- The required HIPAA training has been completed in September 2021 to start the data sharing implementation.

Member Updates

DDS

- AB 136 for DDS includes several changes and new employment funding.
- PIP has been changed from a funding limit, \$10,400, to a time-based limit, 1,040 hours effective July 16, 2021.
- PIP has received an incentive payment program effective July 1, 2021.
- Providers can now receive two incentive payments for a successful PIP placement, \$750 after 30 consecutive days of PIP placement, and \$1,000 after 60 consecutive days of PIP placement.
- CIE-IP has received a temporary increase to the payment amounts, effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025.
- A payment of \$2,000 can be made after 30 consecutive days of employment, \$2,500 can be made after 6 months of consecutive employment, and \$3,000 can be made after 12 months of consecutive employment.
- DDS and DOR received \$10 million in employment grant funding. DDS is working on stakeholder engagement.

DOR

California was selected to participate in the 2021-22 State Leadership Collaborative Initiative, IT'S EMPLOYMENT (<https://www.thinkwork.org/>) DOR is leading the partnership effort to enhance employment outcomes for individuals with IDD.

CDE

- The Budget Act of 2020 (SB 74) legislated the convening of two workgroups

- The Individualized Education Program (IEP) Template workgroup, which would “design a state standardized individualized education program template...develop and design an addendum to the state standardized template to address special education service delivery in a distance learning environment, including developing best practices for distance learning for students with exceptional needs
 - The Alternative Pathway to a High School Diploma workgroup, which would “examine and propose alternative pathways to a high school diploma for students with disabilities.”
- Both workgroups were also charged with the task of developing and submitting a report with recommendations to the CA State Legislature on or before October 1, 2021. Both were submitted by the deadline.