

EFC NEON UPDATE

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Funding

- Continuation of the work that DOR and DDS started with Lisa Mills during year one. This work looked at **braiding, blending, and sequencing of funding** to support best practice in competitive integrated employment services. ODEP offered 50 hours for a continuation of work as well as the option to apply for additional TA. Bill Hudock, one of the SME has some CA continuation work for IPS (an evidence-based practice) that explores values-based purchasing tied to the model.

Community of Practice

- Continuation of **(CoP)**. Participants expressed interest in continuation of the CoP and 2023 NEON SMEs suggested specific topics like systematic instruction and job customization/negotiation as meaningful skills building foci.
- Targeted sessions for self-advocates, family members, and employers will serve to expand best practice and work incentives awareness as well as dispel myths about work potential of people who have disabilities.

CoP IDEAS?

- Microenterprise
- Family engagement





Waiver work-1115

1. Some of the Medicaid waiver work that is being done across the nation in behavioral health is tied to values-based purchasing and CIE funding strategies. This is consistent with California's behavioral waiver initiative.
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Documents/BH-CONNECT-Cover-Letter-Application-for-CMS-Submission-10202023.pdf>
- Though this work is not specific to intellectual disabilities, it does create a resource and precedent that can influence intellectual and developmental disability efforts. Furthermore, we know that many individuals have Co-occurring disabilities so it could provide an additional resource for SB639 subminimum wage phase out efforts.

Employment First Office (E10)

- Developing recommendations to the Employment First Office to be housed under CHHS. Accessing recommendations for policy objectives, priorities like data collection/analysis, and guidance for an implementation plan, based on NEON/CA SME/Stakeholder recommendations/observations, will help E10 staff optimize learning from the CIE field of practice

State Plan Public Comment Period Open

- The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) is seeking public comments on *California's Unified Strategic Workforce Development Plan* (State Plan) 2024-2027.
- The [State Plan](#) is posted on the [CWDB website](#) for a 30-day public comment period. Comments will be accepted until **5 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024**, and must be submitted in writing by email to WIOAStatePlan@cwdb.ca.gov.
- The four-year State Plan represents an agreement among the core partners identified in the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) and serves as the framework for developing public policy, fiscal investment, and operation of all state labor exchange, workforce education, and training programs. The workforce development community is encouraged to review the State Plan and submit comments to the WIOA State Plan inbox.

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