**DBHDD Reg. 5-Cohort 5**

Location & Dates TBD

**Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Training to Achieve Credentials in Delivering Discovery and Customized Supported Employment.**

**Eligible applicants must meet each of the following:**

1. Be currently providing services to individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities supporting competitive, integrated employment, as a provider of DBHDD and GVRA, or be in the process of becoming a dual provider of supported employment services.
2. Have the capacity and ability to commit to receiving structured assistance in support of community-based capacity building in the delivery of Discovery and Customized Supported Employment.

**If approved, organizations will receive:**

* **40-hour ACRE training**: Five (5) days of classroom instruction to support implementation of Discovery and Customized Supported Employment. The 40-hour course with an emphasis in Customized Employment has been approved by ACRE for a National Basic Certificate of Achievement in Community Employment.
* **On-site Technical Assistance:** Assistance will be delivered after each cohort has completed the 40-hour ACRE curriculum. Onsite TA days will support providers of Customized Supported Employment (CSE) in the implementation phases of CSE.
* **Virtual Technical Assistance**: Distance learning can include help with completing the Discovery Staging Record, Interviewing Others, forming a CSE Team, Developing Lists of Twenty under each of the Three Vocational Themes, tracking milestones/benchmarks during Discovery, and Customized Employer Engagement and other related processes.
* **Access to a Community of Practice**: The CoP has both face-to-face learning opportunities, as well as a virtual learning community for employment service providers. The CoP enables members to access and share information related to best practices in employment supports and participate in interactive webinars.

**If approved, organizations will commit to and be responsible for:**

1. Ensuring all relevant team members actively participate and engage in all technical assistance activities;
2. Ensuring all relevant team members actively participate in on-site technical assistance scheduling;
3. Active participation in evaluation activities throughout the project that will include tracking metrics and associated outcomes.

**How to apply:**

1. Complete the following application in detail and select the cohort most relevant to your organization’s location and service area;

2. Submit electronically to[**advancingemployment@uga.edu**](mailto:advancingemployment@uga.edu) by the deadline shown for the cohort selected.

**Training application**

**Name of organization:**

**address:**

**website:**

**Service Area/DBHDD Region**

**Primary Contact:**

**position/title:**

**phone:**

**email:**

**If applicable, Please list any other names the supported employment program may be known by:**

**Provider organization team members (training participants)**

For each attendee, please provide **their** **Name, Job Title/Role, Phone, E-mail, and the Length of Time they have been** **providing employment services.** Any additional direct support staff will be considered based on capacity. Note: only those without previous ACRE training with an emphasis in Customized Employment will be considered.

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1. Briefly summarize your organization’s **current capacity and intent** to provide community-based employment services to individuals with ID/DD (include trainings, collaborations/partnerships, etc.) Please note if the agency is already working with GVRA and DBHDD.

2. Considering your organization’s current capacity/structure and outcomes related to competitive, integrated employment, please choose the area (s) of training/assistance most needed:

Discovery Process, including forming a CE Team

Customized Job Development

Job Coaching/Systematic Instruction

Post-Employment supports

Relationship Building /networking/ negotiating with Employers

Self-Employment/Micro-Enterprise

Working with partnering agencies/systems including service coordination

Benefits Counseling/Work Incentives

Working with families/guardians

Visual resumes/portfolios and employer proposals

3. From among the choices below, which best describes your organization:

Private/Non-Profit or Independently Owned

Community Service Board (CSB)

School

Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP)

Other, please describe:

4. If needed, describe other training and/or assistance that would be helpful:

*Submit completed applications to:* ***advancingemployment@uga.edu***

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