



Arizona Provider Transformation

Shift from Facility-Based Programs to Competitive Integrated Employment

Call for Providers

Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Technical Assistance

Applicant Eligibility:

1. Currently provide services to Arizonians with disabilities.
2. Have contracts with both Vocational Rehabilitation Agency and Department of Developmental Disabilities.
3. Commit to receiving structured assistance consistent with the Employment First framework.

If your organization is selected, your organization will receive:

- Individualized Assistance to shift from a center-based employment model to a community-based employment model
- Access to virtual and in personal trainings relating to best practices and research in employment for individuals with I/DD

How to Apply:

1. Complete the following application
2. Email completed application to azemploymentfirst@gmail.com by **February 18th, 2022**.



Selection Process:

The selection process will be determined and evaluated by Arizona Employment First. Selected providers will be notified by **February 25th, 2022**.

The selection process is based on an evaluation which will be scored according to a point system within each section.

Provider Transformation in Arizona www.azemploymentfirst.org

In partnership with the Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

Team Members include:

Wendy Parent-Johnson, Executive Director
Heather Wolff-Holstein, AZ Statewide Coordinator

Provider Transformation Application

Name of Organization:

Address:

Website:

Service Area:

Primary Contact:

Position/Title:

Phone:

Email:

Preferred Contact Method:

Organization Team Members



(Please include all staff committing to participation in the project and will provide on-site technical assistance)

Provide below: name, phone, email, and staff role/responsibility related to employment services.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

1. Summarize your organization's current capacity to provide employment services within the community to individuals with an ID/DD (this includes training, partnerships, collaborations, etc).

2. Describe any challenges your organization faces or has faced related to moving from facility-based programs to jobs within the community.

3. Consider your organization's current capacity and outcomes related to competitive, integrated employment and chose the area(s) below where technical assistance is most needed.



- a. Discovery/Person-Centered assessment strategies
- b. Person-Centered planning
- c. Customized Job Development
- d. Job Coaching/Instruction
- e. Supported Employment & Post-Employment support
- f. Relationship Building/networking/negotiating
- g. Self-Employment
- h. Working with partnering agencies to include service coordination
- i. Benefits Counseling/Work Incentives
- j. Disability-related issues
- k. Transition services (Center-based to Community-based)
- l. Identifying required knowledge, skills, abilities, etc that is needed by staff

4. Describe your organization's specific goals that have been committed to relating to increasing competitive, integrated employment opportunities, and how technical assistance from the UCEDD help your organization achieve those goals?

Organization fully understands that if selected, involvement will require an investment in staff time.

Executive Director or Designee

X _____

Date

X _____