Advanced Employment Specialist Training

The 2016 Job Development Series

Employment professionals often report job development as one of the most challenging aspects of their jobs. This innovative, advanced training series is here to help, providing you with:

- Insight and understanding into effective representation of your job seeker
- Skills and insight into building valuable relationships with community businesses
- Advanced tools for negotiating individualized jobs for your job seekers

Go beyond the basics and enroll now, so you can improve employment outcomes for the job seekers you serve.

Who Should Attend?

- Employment Specialists
- Job Coaches
- Program Managers
- Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services Staff

All in-person trainings will take place at:

Easter Seals Crossroads
4740 Kingsway Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Registration 8:30 a.m.
Training 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trainings and webinars are all Eastern Time.

Topics:

1. **Foundations of Quality Representation: A Framework for Employment Services**
   - April 5  In-person Training with Sandy Block
   - May 12, 2-3 p.m. Check & Connect Webinar

2. **Customized Employment** (offered twice)
   - June 9  In-person Training with Russ Sickles
   - July 14, 2-3 p.m. Check & Connect Webinar
   - Or
   - October 13  In-person Training with Russ Sickles
   - November 10, 2-3 p.m. Check & Connect Webinar

3. **Building Business Relationships**
   - August 17  In-person Training with Kris Kennedy
   - September 15, 2-3 p.m. Check & Connect Webinar

Each of the three in-person trainings, is paired with an online follow-up webinar for questions, clarification, and additional information and resources. These follow-up Check & Connect webinars will only be available to enrolled participants.

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Trainer Biographies:

**Sandy Block, M.S., Ed.**

Project Coordinator, Center on Community Living and Careers

Sandy began working in human services in 1983 with one of Kentucky’s first supported employment programs. Her areas of interest include customized employment, representational theory, systems change, personal futures planning, and inclusion. Sandy has worked to improve meaningful outcomes through program development and implementation, consultation and technical assistance, customized employment and content training development. She strongly believes in the presumption of employability and access to “the good things in life” for all.

**Kris Kennedy**

President and Director, Kenfield Consulting

Kris has been a leader in improving employment outcomes for people with barriers to employment since 1984. A national speaker and trainer on best practice in the areas of job preparation, job development and job placement, Kris holds a philosophical approach to employment focused primarily on access. She knows through experience that the prevention and removal of social and environmental barriers works to allow access for all people to economic opportunities.

**Russ Sickles**

Senior Consultant, Griffin Hammis & Associates

Russ is an approved Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) trainer and a subject matter expert with the Department of Labor Office of Disability and Employment Policy (ODEP), focused on the areas of customized employment training and technical assistance, rural employment development, workforce customized employment development, Social Security Administration work incentives, and self-employment. Russ introduced customized employment strategies into the West Virginia ID and VR systems and has taught the GHA ACRE curriculum and provided technical assistance to hundreds of employment professionals, including state VR counselors, Workforce personnel, Medicaid administrators, community employment providers, individuals with disabilities and their allies, and other professionals.

Cost:

Each training plus the follow-up Check & Connect webinar: $75

Register for all three trainings and webinars for just $200!

Registration fee includes all materials. Coffee and tea will be served in the morning. Lunch is on your own.

Registration

Register early! Seating is limited to just 75 participants. Registration deadlines are two weeks prior to each training.

Sign up for all three trainings or select one or two. Attendees who attend all three topic trainings in the series, however, receive a registration discount. See above. (Note that “Customized Employment” is repeated. You should only attend one session.)

To register, click on the link below. You’ll be able to select your topics upon entering the online registration site.

http://go.iu.edu/15TB

Questions? Contact Maya Cox at mayacox@indiana.edu, or at 812-856-0216.

Need Accommodations? Contact Lori Pierce at least three weeks prior to training at lopierce@indiana.edu or call 812-856-0169.

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