**Stakeholder Update: California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) – Blueprint Development**

In December 2014 the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), California Department of Education (CDE), and California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to further advance the State’s “Employment First” Policy and other federal and state laws to address employment in integrated settings, at competitive wages, for individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities (ID/DD).

The three departments are currently in the process of developing a blueprint to support the achievement of competitive integrated employment (CIE) for individuals with ID/DD. To ensure a quality blueprint is developed, additional time, beyond the six month period outline in the [Memorandum of Understanding](http://www.dor.ca.gov/Public/California-CIE-documents/MOU-DOR-DDS-CDE.rtf), is required. We aim to have a completed blueprint published by the end of the year 2015.

For both the March 23rd and May 15th public forums we received a great deal of stakeholder input. We will continue to reach out to engage and collaborate with stakeholders throughout the remainder of the blueprint development process. On August 31st we are conducting a forum with business partners and anticipate conducting a public forum in late October 2015 or early November 2015 on the draft blueprint. A formal announcement for the business partner forum will be distributed.

As we continue developing the blueprint, we want to share the beginning draft sections with you. The following three sections of the draft California CIE Blueprint have been posted on the California Health and Human Services Agency [California CIE](http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/Competitive-Integrated-Employment-%28CIE%29.aspx) website:

* Section 2 - Introduction
* Section 3 - Interagency System Overview
* Section 4 - Current Initiatives and Collaboration

To view the documents, visit the [California CIE](http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/Competitive-Integrated-Employment-%28CIE%29.aspx) website located at: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/Competitive-Integrated-Employment-(CIE).aspx. Please share your comments and suggestions with us by sending them to CaliforniaCIE@dor.ca.gov.

Section 5 of the blueprint, which is still being developed, includes recommendations in support of improving access to CIE services and increasing CIE outcomes for individuals with ID/DD and the draft for this section will be shared at a later date.

Ongoing opportunities for stakeholder involvement will be provided beyond the development of the blueprint.

Contact us at CaliforniaCIE@dor.ca.gov if you have any questions.