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

“Real Work for Real Pay in the Real World”

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, with input from the Steering Committee, are 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 has been needed.

The draft Blueprint is nearing completion. After the state level reviews, the draft will be posted for public comment in the coming months. An additional Stakeholder Teleconference will be held to allow for additional comments on the draft Blueprint. We aim to have a completed blueprint published in early 2016.

For information regarding the California CIE Blueprint, please visit the California Health and Human Services Agency webpage at [www.chhs.ca.gov](http://www.chhs.ca.gov) and select the tab on the top right titled “[CIE](http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/Competitive-Integrated-Employment-%28CIE%29.aspx)”.

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