**Paid Internship Program**

# What is a Paid Internship Program (PIP)?

The PIP is a program paid for by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to increase competitive integrated employment (CIE) for people with an intellectual and developmental disability (ID/DD). The PIP pays at least minimum wage to a person with ID/DD when the person gets an internship position at a job they want. A PIP pays up to $10,400 a year for each person in a PIP. The $10,400 will pay for their wages and payroll costs.

# How does a Person with ID/DD get a PIP?

To get a PIP, a person with a disability must meet with their regional center coordinator for a person-centered meeting to decide if they want to add PIP as a goal to their Individual Program Plan (IPP). If the person decides they want to add PIP as a goal, the person needs to decide what type of job they are interested in getting and then create a plan to get a PIP at that type of job.

# Can a person with ID/DD start their own business with PIP?

PIP money may be available for consumers who want to start their own business. This must be decided in the person-centered IPP meeting.

# How old does a person have to be to get PIP?

A person with ID/DD may be able to start a PIP when they are 18 years old. This must be decided in a person-centered IPP meeting. There is no upper age limit for PIP.