

Welcome to the INCLUSION WORKS Community Update

We are excited to share new updates about Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) in the Inclusion Works Community Update!



Stay tuned to hear about all the great things happening in Inclusion Works! New updates every other month. **Join** our mailing list!



Weathering the Storm

INCLUSION WORKS NEWS

Hurricane Helene Response Resources In a disaster, there is no right or

wrong way to feel. Having the resources to prepare, respond, and recover from a disaster is important. NCDHHS is connecting with communities and partners across the state to understand impacts and provide support, resources and care to North Carolinians in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Find resources below related to Hurricane Helene recovery efforts.



forward. Hurricane Helene Recovery Resources | NCDHHS Weathering the Storm | NCDHHS

This information will continue to be updated as recovery moves

- Hurricane Helene Resources for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind |
- **NCDHHS**
- Disaster Recovery Health and Safety | NCDHHS
- **KEY UPDATES**





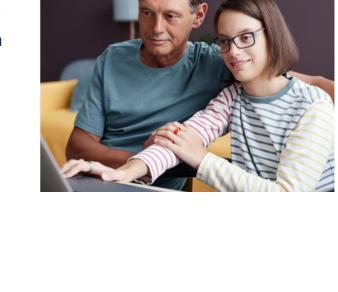
Inclusion Works Begins Implementing new Employment Assessment Process across North Carolina Providers

We're excited to announce that Inclusion Works along with expert partners, Work Together NC and UNC

TEACCH, will be visiting providers across North Carolina to provide new **Employment Assessments and Career** Development Plans for individuals with I/DD currently working in non -Competitive Integrated Employment (non-CIE) settings if it is their choice. These tools will help individuals with I/DD share skills and interests and develop a personalized plan to reach

their career goals. We will continue to provide resources and updates as we progress in these efforts. Inclusion Works Implements its CIE Incentive Plan for **Providers to Support Eligible Members**

Running from July 1, 2024 - June 30,



2025, Inclusion Works is implementing its CIE Incentive Plan for providers to support eligible members employed in

a non-CIE job to begin and sustain a job in CIE. After eligible members achieve a milestone, providers are issued incentive payments totaling up to \$5,000 from their Tailored Plan. For more information regarding eligibility requirements, payment details, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Inclusion

NCDHHS hosted its **Annual Assistive Technology Expo**, "Breaking

for Care Providers".

Boundaries, Empowering Lives," on Oct. 3 at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh. The NCDHHS Assistive Technology

Program is a state and federally funded

technology services statewide to people

program that provides assistive

of all ages and abilities

Date: December 10-12

Winston Salem NC

There are 10 NCATP Centers located throughout North Carolina. Click to find the one closest to you.



More than 45 vendors attended this year's Annual Assistive Technology Expo's vendor hall



Location: Benton Convention Center,

Employment". Follow this link to Register.

accomplishments in 2024, showcasing the

initiative's collaborative approach, progress

Inclusion Works will be delving into

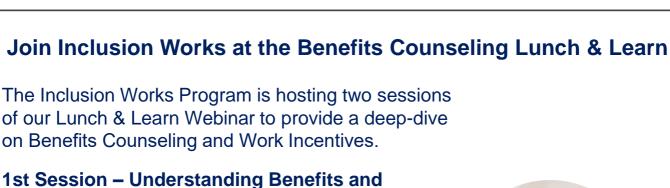
Inclusion Works is happy to be presenting at the 2024 i2i Winter Conference: "Inclusion Works: Empowering North Carolinians with I/DD Through Competitive Integrated

achieved on its strategic plan, and what's on the horizon for the Inclusion Works community. For additional information on the agenda, preconference events, and other logistics, please visit the 2024 Winter Conference brochure.

on Benefits Counseling and Work Incentives. 1st Session – Understanding Benefits and **Employment** Wednesday, November 20th from 12:00 – 1:00pm Relationship between employment and benefits for individuals with I/DD **Q&A** with Benefits Counselor

2nd Session – Navigating Benefits and

Individual testimonies/ Q&A **RESOURCES**



IGNITING THE FUTURE:

December 11-12, 2024

erence & Exhibition IN PERS on Event December 10, 2024

CENTER for

Employment: Real World Experiences Wednesday, December 4th from 12:00 – 1:00pm Register for Benefit Programs Eligibility and Info: Medicaid, **Lunch and Learns** SSI/SSDI, WIC/SNAP



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) on CIE

Division of Health Benefits (DHB/NC Medicaid)

Inclusion Works Initiative

NC LME/MCO Directory

EIPD Information Request Form

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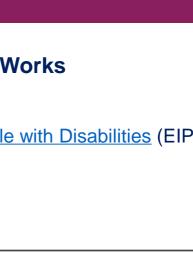
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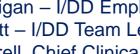
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