



Florida's Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

The Role of MIG in Achieving Systems Change

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Florida MIG Values

- Employment is a right and a responsibility
- Everyone with a disability should have the opportunity to work and should be expected to work and earn income





Florida MIG Function

Create and support a Statewide employment infrastructure to increase the number of people gainfully employed in community jobs of their choice



What does MIG do for Florida?

- Brings federal dollars to build state infrastructure to improve employment outcomes
- Plays planning and coordinating role to move the employment agenda forward statewide
- Supports Medicaid Buy-In development
- Creates cross-state partnerships to share strategies, data and best practices





Background

- Funded from 2000 through 2011
- Florida is in it's fourth year
- Primary goal—*competitive employment* for people with disabilities
- Grants to state Medicaid agency, or other entity in cooperation with state Medicaid
- Minimum grant award
 - States with *no* Medicaid Buy-In: \$500,000 to \$750,000 per year





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MIG Strategies

- Passage of Medicaid Buy-In
 - Fundamental purpose: help people with disabilities increase earnings from work without fear of losing Medicaid services.
 - Medicaid Buy-In coverage is Medicaid but with a premium payment.
 - Allows for higher income limits
 - Allows for higher asset limits
- Expansion of PAS (Personal Assistance Services)



MIG Strategies Continued

- Ensuring Quality Employment Service Providers
 - Supported Employment and Social Security Work Incentives and Benefits Pre-Service Training
 - 4-day sessions
 - Certification upon completion/passing tests
 - Advanced SE and SSWI/Benefits Training
 - Additional 2 days of SE and 1 day of SSWI



MIG Strategies Continued

- Adult Day Training (ADT) SE Pilot Program
 - Expand the number of persons currently attending ADT to become competitively employed
- Employment First Initiative
 - APD assessing a new employment initiative

Florida Benefits Information Resource Network (F-BIRN)

- Build infrastructure within APD to staff each area office with a certified trainer qualified to train new providers



MIG Strategies Continued

- Business Leadership Networks
 - 15 BLNs in Florida
 - 10 BLNs supported with MIG funds:
Miami, Lakeland, Tallahassee, Jacksonville,
Orlando, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Gainesville,
Ft. Myers, and Panama City





2009 MIG Projects

- Waiver Support Coordinator SE trainings
 - October 8: Tampa, Hillsborough County
 - October 13: Jacksonville, Duval County
 - October 21: Miami, Dade County
 - October 27: Melbourne, Brevard County
 - October 28: Daytona Beach, Volusia County





2009 MIG Projects continued

- Adult Day Training SE Project
 - *Minimum of 5 people per site transitioning into community employment
 - St. Andrew Bay Center, Panama City
 - SunCoast Goodwill, St. Petersburg
 - United Cerebral Palsy of East Central Florida, Daytona Beach

(Expansion proposed for 2010)





2009 MIG Projects continued

- 4-day Intensive SE Training for SE Management Staff

Tampa

- November 3 and 4, 2009
- November 9 and 10, 2009

Jacksonville

- November 12 and 13, 2009
- November 18 and 19, 2009

Ft. Pierce

- November 16 and 17, 2009
- November 30 and December 1, 2009





2009 MIG Projects continued

- Four 2-day Advanced Supported Employment Training Sessions: “Working with Employers”
 - September 10 and 11, Tampa
 - October 14 and 15, Jacksonville
 - October 22 and 23, Ft. Lauderdale
 - October 29 and 30, 2009 Tallahassee





2009 MIG Projects continued

- Two 2-day Train-the-Trainer Sessions
 - December 9 and 10, Tampa
 - December 14 and 15, Ft. Lauderdale

(Continuation proposed for 2010)



2009 MIG Projects continued

- 7-day intensive Social Security Benefits and Work Incentives Training
 - Florida Benefits Information Resource Network (F-BIRN)
 - August 11 - 13
 - September 14 - 17



2009 MIG Projects continued

- 3-day Train-the-Trainer on Social Security Work Incentives and Benefits
 - Staff each APD office with a certified trainer qualified to train new providers in SSWI Pre-Service
 - October 13-15





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Thank You!

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