

Colorado CIL Network Resource Development

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2020 AND BEYOND: BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF IL

Panelists

- ▶ Ty Smith, Colorado SILC member
- ▶ Ian Engle, NorthWest Colorado Center for Independence Director
- ▶ Joan LaBelle, Disabled Resource Services Director, Colorado SILC Chair
- ▶ Linda Taylor, Center for Independence Director
- ▶ Peter J. Pike, Colorado Office of Independent Living Services

What You Will Learn

- ▶ Explain the Colorado CIL Network collaboration in applying for a federal grant
- ▶ Describe CIL Directors buy in for participating in the application
- ▶ CIL role
- ▶ SILC role
- ▶ DVR role

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

- ▶ Office of Independent Living Services, Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, awarded five-year research grant, September 30, 2019
- ▶ 1 award in the nation
- ▶ Securing Employment and Economic Keys to Stability (**SEEKS**) grant
- ▶ 17 Letters of support, 7 Centers for Independent Living, and the Colorado SILC
- ▶ Award amount worth up to \$2.3 million

SEEKS Grant

Goals

- ❖ Improve education and employment outcomes |
- ❖ increase gross monthly income; and,
- ❖ Decrease social isolation.

Intervention

Serves people applying for SSA disability benefits while concurrently receiving services from an Employment Specialist to obtain employment and a Benefits Counseling Advocate to make an informed choice about employment and benefits through the Colorado Center for Independent Living system in partnership with DVR.

SEEKS Grant

Key Elements

- ❖ Advisory Team
- ❖ Random assignment research design
- ❖ Evidenced based training for CIL staff delivering the intervention
- ❖ Contracts with CIL organizations
- ❖ CIL serve as DVR vendor to deliver intervention

Panel Questions

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Question 1 – Federal Grant Application

What's in it for me as a CIL director?

Question 2 – Federal Grant Application

As a CIL director, do I have the capacity (infrastructure/funding) to support staff involvement, specialized training and sustainability?

Question 3 – Federal Grant Application

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How did your relationship with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation affect your decision to participate?

Question 4 – Grant Implementation

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What is your current role with the SEEKS grant implementation and how is it going?

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