



Employment First Florida Grassroots Group Online Meeting Key Points

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Topic: The Employment First Collaborative Training Toolkit: Improving Employment Services in Florida

Presenter: Beth Keeton from the Center for Social Capital

The January 19, 2016 the Grassroots Group's online meeting was about the Employment First Collaborative Training Toolkit (EFCT). We invited Beth Keeton from the Center for Social Capital to share information on the EFCT. The EFCT was created to help Florida identify what type of skills professionals (job developers and job coaches) need to build their skills and knowledge so that they can help people with disabilities find jobs in the community. The Employment First Collaborative Training Toolkit was developed by the Center for Social Capital and is supported by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council.

We asked Beth questions about the EFCT. Below are the questions and answers.

Q. What is in the Employment First Collaborative Training Toolkit (EFCT)?

A. The EFCT helps job developers and job coaches to determine if they have the beliefs, knowledge, skills, and abilities professionals need to help people with disabilities get a job in the community. One belief is that professionals should believe that all people have the right to work. Another is that the professional knows how to make sure that the person they are helping to find a job is a part of the process. To learn more about how the Center for Social Capital identified the beliefs, knowledge, skills, and abilities needed you can listen to the recording. You will find the link to the meeting at:

<http://www.employmentfirstfl.org/grassroots-group>

Q. Who is the EFCT for?

A. Employment professionals.

Q. How do employment professionals use the EFCT?

A. The EFCT helps employment professionals test whether they are providing the best services. After they assess themselves employment professional can identify the trainings they need to improve their employment-related skills and expertise when assisting people with disabilities get a job in the community.

Q. How will the EFCT improve employment for people with disabilities?

A. The EFCT helps employment professionals provide better employment services. People with disabilities and their family members also might find this information helpful when choosing an employment provider. For example, when someone is getting to know a job developer or job coach they can ask the employment professional if they know about the EFCT, if they have completed it, and if they have completed any of the trainings described in the EFCT.

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