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?
As a CIL director, do I have the capacity (infrastructure/funding) to support staff involvement, specialized training and sustainability?
How did your relationship with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation affect your decision to participate?
What is your current role with the SEEKS grant implementation and how is it going?
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