

2021

# CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



# OVERVIEW

The California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (CCEPD) advances the employment for people with disabilities by making policy recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency. The CCEPD influences policy as it is being developed through the various state departments, and creates new policy recommendations, as needed.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CCEPD has continued with remote work and the use of video platforms to conduct its business. While the workforce model has changed for the CCEPD, the CCEPD is aware it has also changed for millions of Californians and is constantly monitoring workforce trends and growing partnerships to address the needs of people with disabilities.

In 2021, the CCEPD welcomed several new members and new chair.



# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

The work of the CCEPD and its three subcommittees (Employment and Training, State Coordination, and Youth Event), along with the coordination of the California Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF), has been greatly influenced by the pandemic. In 2021, the CCEPD held discussions with many community partners. The perspectives of these partners improve policy decisions made by members, and while these conversations have helped address short-term concerns, they also have laid the foundation for more substantial conversations post-pandemic.

Equity frameworks for people with disabilities for both business and state government were developed by the Employment and Training Subcommittee. The equity framework for state government and business was shared with lead departments for the informal feedback process.

In 2020, the Subcommittee made many recommendations to the California Workforce Development Board on how to strengthen partnerships within Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Regional Strategic Plans and Local Plans for Program Years 2021-2024 and were pleased to see improved opportunities in the plans approved in 2021. The Subcommittee has also continued discussions with state partners on High Road Training Partnerships, the California State Plan for Career Technical Education, WIOA State Plan and green jobs. The CCEPD plans to make direct comments on these policies and initiatives.



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The State Coordination Subcommittee began the year with the development of a “Benefits Planning Resource Guide” targeted to the America’s Job Centers of California (AJCCs). Work on the Benefits Planning Resource Guide was deferred to the fall because the Social Security Administration awarded the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance grants in July 2021. Subcommittee members are developing a survey for service providers. The CCEPD will continue the work in these areas and begin work on no wrong door policies and co-enrollment.

YLF continued with a virtual format, July 11-16. In 2021, 27 delegates had the opportunity to learn from peers, guest speakers, and volunteer staff members, many of whom are YLF alumni themselves. On top of the weeklong summer program, additional activities have been developed for YLF alumni between 2014 and 2021. In collaboration with California, the national Association of Youth Leadership Forums held their first nationwide virtual event for delegates and alumni in July.

The Youth Event Subcommittee revisited discussions on the development of a YLF 2.1 model. The new structure will include both statewide and regional events, some held virtually, and others in-person. The Subcommittee will move concepts to the lead departments in early Spring.

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