



# **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**California Committee on 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 developed through the various state departments, and creates new policy recommendations, as needed.

In 2022, the CCEPD has worked on its mission, vision, and guiding principles and released the equity statements developed in 2021.

The CCEPD has a new Chair, Taylor Winchell, and Vice-Chair, Roy Kim.

## **2022 Policy 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 continued to be greatly influenced by the pandemic and ongoing workforce trends affecting people with disabilities.

In late 2021, CCEPD staff reviewed the 2021-2024 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) regional and local plans and submitted comments to the California Workforce Development Board in February 2022. When reviewing the regional and local plans, staff recommended a series of conversations with local workforce development areas to identify best practices, challenges, and opportunities for policy recommendations. This project will continue into 2023, and may include a best practice toolkit, webinars, and policy recommendations.

The State Coordination Subcommittee developed benefits planning policy recommendations and submitted them to lead departments in September 2022. CCEPD surveyed various service providers on benefits planning, which informed the benefits planning recommendations.

## **2022 Policy Highlights-Continued**

The CCEPD will engage with disability-related advisory bodies regarding benefits planning. Other issues are cross-training of workforce staff and how to develop a more integrated service delivery model for people with disabilities. Surveys were sent to local workforce development areas on cross-training needs for people with disabilities. Both projects will continue into 2023.

The CCEPD continues to engage on initiatives, including the changing of Medi-Cal asset limits and the peer certification program through Department of Health Care Services, green jobs through California Workforce Development Board, and Demand-Side Initiative through the Department of Rehabilitation.

The CCEPD also provided comments to the California Department of Education regarding the State Plan for Career Technical Education in November 2022.

## **2022 YLF Highlights**

Discussions are occurring on the best way to develop the new YLF model. While the recommendations have been submitted to lead departments, CCEPD has been working with local partners to develop regional YLF events pilots. At least three regional YLF events will be developed in fall, spring, and summer of 2023.

Using some of the YLF curriculum, a regional YLF was developed in the Inland Empire by the local Department of Rehabilitation office.

YLF continued in a virtual format, July 19-22, 2022. Delegates engaged in leadership activities focused on postsecondary education, career readiness, independent living, financial literacy, and self-advocacy. Five virtual post-YLF activities have been created for alumni of the 2023 YLF.

For more information, including current developments and meetings, visit the CCEPD website or call the Executive Officer at (916) 558-5698.