

MAINE Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract	
Grant Number	DI-21063-10-75-A-23
Grant Award	\$1,500,000
DEI Applicant	Maine Department of Labor
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Project Period	Three Years
Abstract Narrative	
Scope of Grant/ Individuals to be Served	Two local Workforce Investment Boards including Tri-County (Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis Counties) and Coastal Counties (Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York) serving Adults with Disabilities (including subgroups such as Veterans and Native Americans)
Project Description	The Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) will implement its DEI project building upon its work with the Disability Program Navigator grant. MDOL's Bureau of Employment Services (BES) became an Employment Network and will be working with their One-Stop Career Centers on the full implementation of the Ticket. The DEI project will incorporate a flexible spending fund of \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually as incentives for collaborators and jobseekers to participate and succeed. The Maine DEI project is designed to support integrated services and funding to explore individual and systemic issues concerning the employment of people with disabilities – with a view to facilitate innovative, long-term solutions. In addition to employing Disability Resource Coordinators, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will hire two Rehabilitation Counselor positions that will be housed with the DRCs in the One-Stop Career Centers.
Strategic Service Delivery Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Resource Team Approach • Integrating Resources and Services, Blending and Braiding funds, Leveraging Resources • Asset Development Strategies • Partnership and Collaboration
Key Partnerships	Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Medicaid Infrastructure Grant – CHOICES CEO, Department of Health and Human Services (TANF, Mental Health, Cognitive and Physical Disability), Work Incentive Planning and Assistance project, Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security, Commission on Disability and Employment, educational organizations and community providers.
Proposed Outcomes	The Maine DEI will host at least 2 Integrated Resource Team meetings per month; fully implement the Ticket to Work program in the Coastal Counties region; increase the Ticket to Work enrollments through One-Stop Career Center services by at least 10-15 participants per year in each region; and increase the number of 'Career Exploration Workshop' participants by 50% in each region.