

# LaDDC News

## DIScovering ABILITIES Employment Webinar Series Kick-Off!

March 15, 2022

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is excited to announce this year's launch of DIScovering ABILITIES Employment Webinar Series: Stories of Lived Experience from the Workplace!



	<b>MARCH 22</b> 10-11:30AM DIScovering ABILITIES Stories of Lived Experience from the Workplace	<b>APRIL 12 &amp; 14</b> 10-11:30AM Developing the Inclusive Workplace	<b>APRIL 26 &amp; 28</b> 10-11:30AM Building a Good Recruitment Plan	<b>MAY 17 &amp; 19</b> 10-11:30AM How Can We Say Yes - Accommodations for Successful Employment	<b>JUNE 7 &amp; 9</b> 10-11:30AM Making It Stick - Benefits & Retention Plan	<b>JUNE 21</b> 10-11AM Where Do We Go From Here?
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This webinar series is an effort by the Council's [Working Together Campaign](#) to bring focus on recruiting, hiring, and retaining employees with disabilities.

The series consists of 10 webinars that will bring together experts from agencies and companies; employees with disabilities; and other stakeholders who will share best practices for building a diverse workforce. For the sessions between April 12 – June 9, there are two opportunities to attend each session. Attendees only have to attend one of the dates.

### Calendar of Webinars

<b>March 22</b>	<b>DIScovering ABILITIES – Stories of Lived Experience from the Workplace</b> features a dynamic panel of business leaders, state agency leaders, and employees with developmental disabilities.
<b>April 12 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Developing the Inclusive Workplace</b> – Company Culture   Hiring Practices   Training Employees From Top Down.
<b>April 26 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Building a Good Recruitment Plan</b> – Building Partnerships   SWOT Recruiting   Messaging, etc.
<b>May 17 &amp; 19</b>	<b>How Can We Say Yes</b> – Accommodations for Successful Employment.

June 7 & 9

**Making It Stick – Benefits & Retention Plan** - LRS | Tax Incentives | Benefits Planning | ABLE Accounts | Financial Benefits.

June 21

**Where Do We Go From Here? Reflection** | Action Steps | Resources | Networking Event.

### **What's in Store for Attendees?**

With subject matter experts, the attendees will learn about resources and takeaways that will help them:

- **Provide businesses and employers “how-to” strategies** for recruiting, hiring, and retaining these employees in an inclusive work environment.
- **Create inclusive employment opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities** by connecting them with potential employers
- **Give potential employees with developmental disabilities the information and resources they need** to feel confident in pursuing potential employment
- **Empower employers and people with developmental disabilities** with an understanding of the resources available to support them in this journey to employment.

**[See the Calendar with More About Each Session and Register Today!](#)**

### **Contact Us**

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