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#### Today We Will Discuss...

- 1) Federal regulations related to PSE and workforce preparation (WIOA, 2014; CMS Rule)
- 2) Guidelines for new state policy on Paid Internship Programs & Competitive Employment Incentive Payments (ABX2 1)
- 3) Work-based learning curriculum
- 4) Strategies for developing work experiences and internships on and off campus
- 5) Effective uses of On-the-Job Training



#### Goal of College to Career

 Students with intellectual disabilities (DDL) attend local college and avail themselves of a quality inclusive higher education focused on employment

Employment

REAL JOBS FOR REAL WAGES in a career area of the student's choice

Successful case closure into employment



# Program Development and Funding

- College to Career (C2C) programs are part of a VR funded initiative developed in FY 2010-2011 in collaboration with the California Community Colleges' Chancellor's Office
- VR funded 5 CCCs at \$250,000/yr. for 3 years, no match
- Source of Funds for DOR- repurposing of existing funds
- Students required to be clients of both DOR and DDS system
- VR recently funded 3 additional CCCs

## College to Career (C2C) Programs

- College of Alameda
- Fresno City College
- North Orange
   Community College
   District
- Sacramento City College

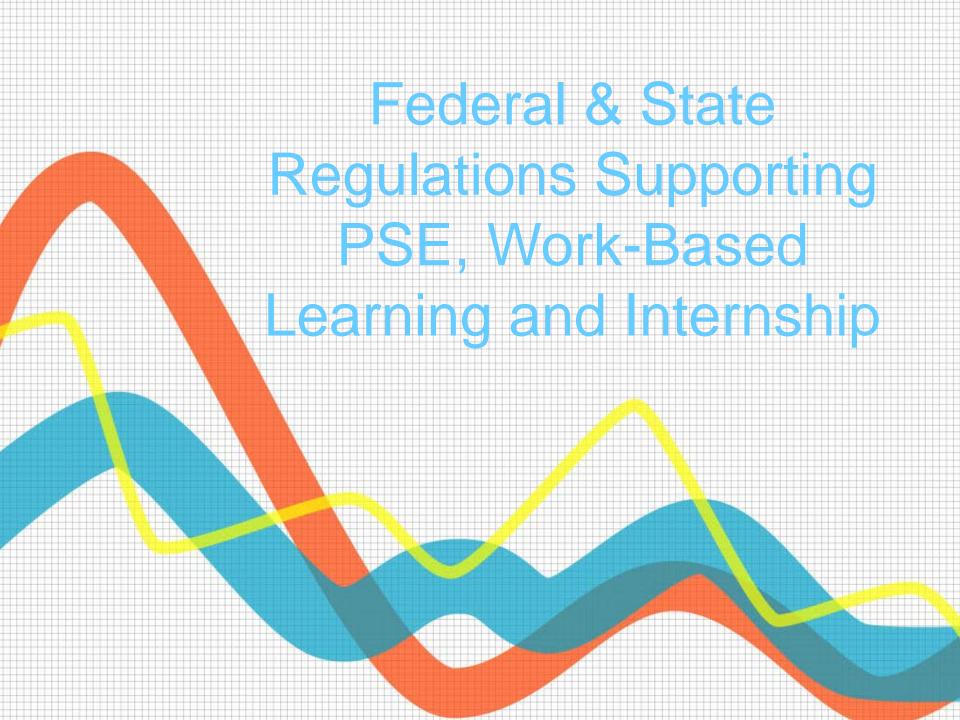
- San Diego Community
   College District
- Santa Rosa Jr. College
- Shasta College
- West Los Angeles College



### Standards Based Conceptual Framework

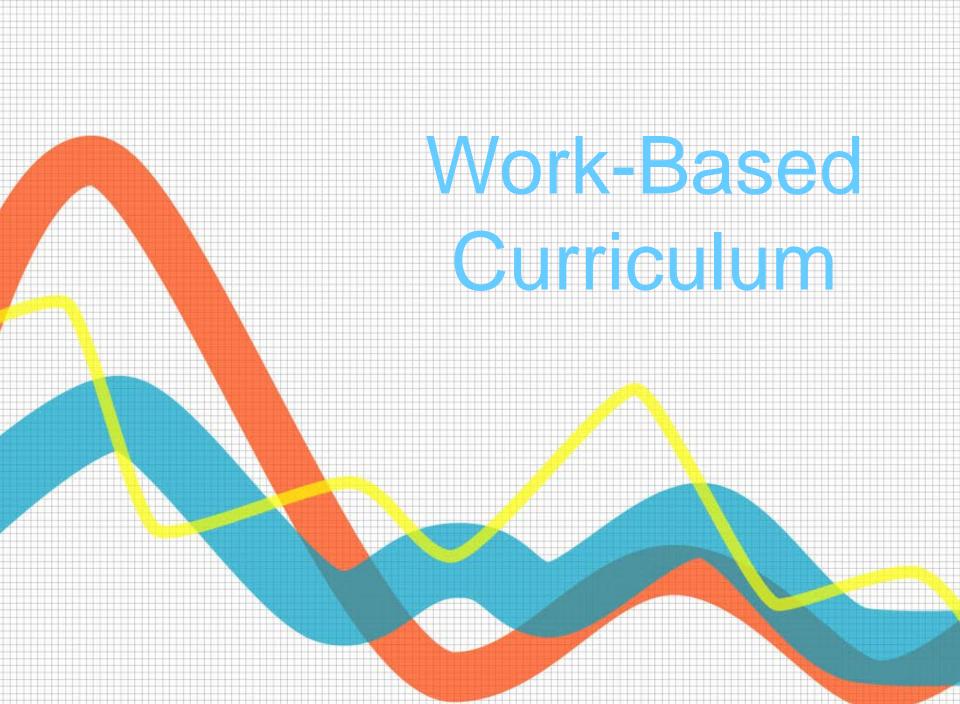


http://www.thinkcollege.net/



#### Implications of Recent Federal and State Law for Individuals with IDD

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (2014)
- Paid Internship Program (ABX2 1; 2016)
- Competitive Employment Incentive
- Payments (ABX2 1; 2016)
- CMS Rule (2014)

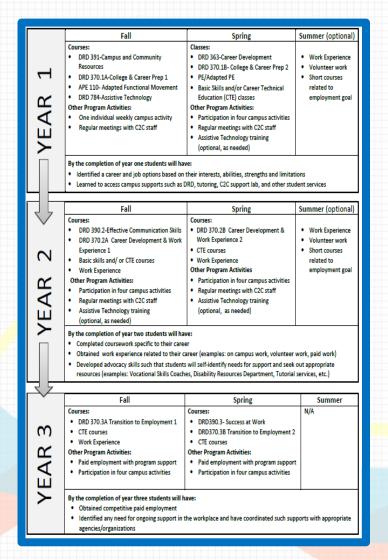


### Education: The Heart of C2C Programs

Based in research

- Curriculum Pathway
- Goals for each year
- Career Education

Basic Skill Education



### Outcomes of an Education Based Work Program

- Develop realistic career goals
- Develop timeline for reaching career goal
- Increased confidence, self-advocacy skills, self-determination, independence
- Learn skills specific to chosen career
- Develop professional portfolio
- Develop cache of job search and job retention skills based in PSE

# Curriculum and Work Experience

Year Two Focus

Career Coursework (Career Technical Education)

Work Experience

Self-advocacy skills

#### Work Experience Curriculum

DRD370.2A & 2B Career Development & Work Experience 1 & 2

(1 unit each)

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Identify appropriate work experience opportunities and activities as related to students' individual career goals and functional limitations related to disability.

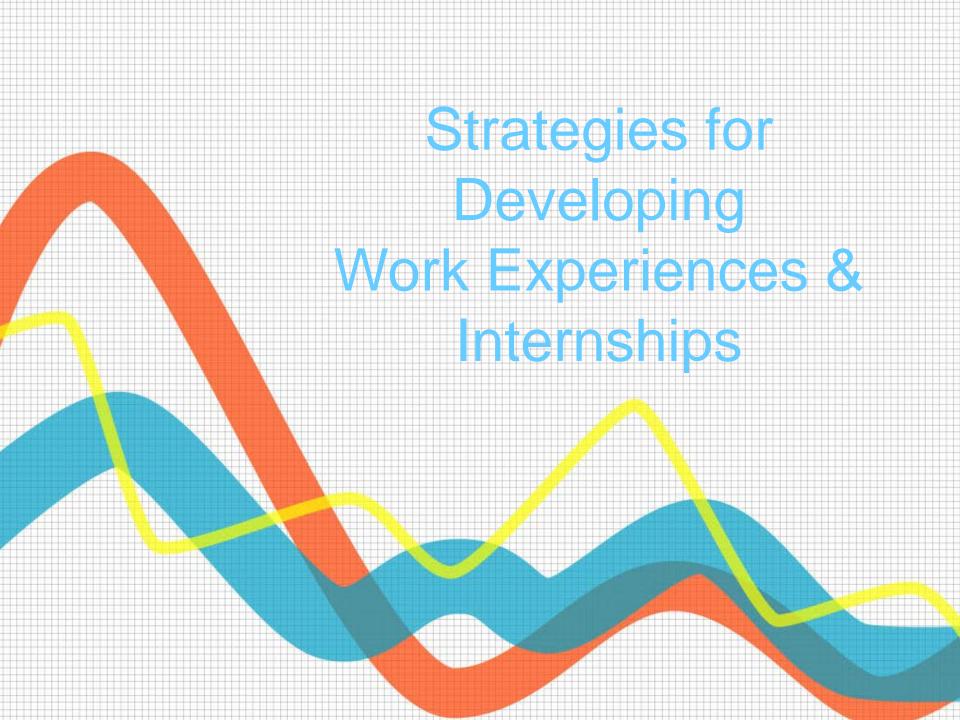
Pursue appropriate work experience opportunities and activities as related to students' individual career goals.

#### Work Experience Curriculum (con't)

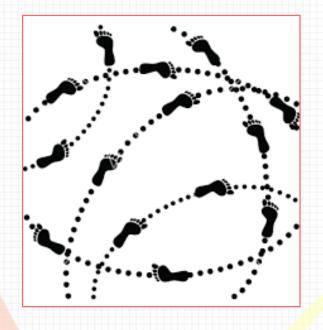
- Employment Portfolio
  - Resume
  - References
  - Cover Letter
- Employment Prep
  - Mock Interview
  - 30 second commercial
- Group discussions
  - Interview techniques
  - Soft skills
  - Strengths & Weaknesses
- Career Exploration
- Get student volunteering during <u>Educational</u> phase thinking about employment







#### These are the Steps...



#### Engage Employers!

#### Build relationships by...

- Cold Calling
- Tour
- Meet and Greet
  - Goal is for employer to meet the student
  - Don't press employment
  - Discuss what employer is looking for
  - Anticipate Employer Concerns
  - Employer can naturally connect with student and begin carving out a position for your student
- Maintain Relationships
- Build Relationships through Volunteering



Family Connection

Manger Relocated



Connection

#### Network!

 Redirect or connect to potential employers through networking within staff/job developers network of people



- Networks within student contacts
  - Family and Friends
  - Community
    - Places where student shops
    - Employers in their neighborhood



#### Examples of Engagement...

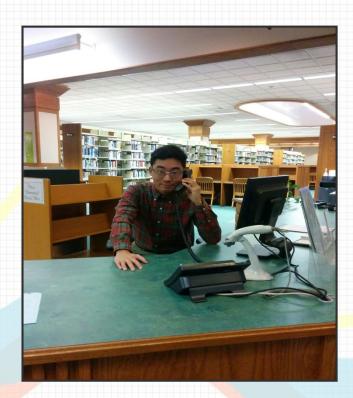


#### Sacramento Rivercats

- > Your Local Sports Teams-
- Baseball, Soccer, Basketball, etc.
- Meeting with their HR director/hiring manager to share about program
- Entry level jobs-parking, ticketing, merchandise, food service, janitorial
- > Seasonal, year long, paid, unpaid.
- > What students learn...
- ➤ Wat we have learned....

#### Positive Options-Foster Care Agency

- Connection from a staff member
- Ongoing internships offered to our students:
  - ~Clerical
  - ~Receptionist
  - ~Childcare
- > What students learn...
- > What we have learned...



### Schools, Child Care Centers, Preschools

- > Teacher's Aide positions
- > Summer internships
- Special Education classes

- ➤ What students learn...
- ➤ What we have learned...



#### Engaging Your District!

- What we discovered at SDCCD...
- √ 12th largest employer
- ✓ Few work experience opportunities on campus
- ✓ Relationship-building and partnership with district departments is necessary
- ✓ District temporary employment opportunity could lead to CIE!



### Expanding our Relationship with DOR

- DOR & SDCCD development of...
- √ 20 Work Experiences up to 100 hours each fiscal year
- ✓ Wages reimbursed by DOR
- ✓ SDCCD becomes employer of record
- ✓ Renew every year with board & DOR approval
- ✓ Positions throughout the district

# Work Experiences Opportunities

- Athletic Equipment Assistant
- Broadcast Operations
   Assistant
- Food Service Assistant I & II
- Grounds Assistant
- Instructional Aide/Tutor
- Delivery Assistant
- Office Assistant I

- Receiving Assistant I
- Stock Assistant
- Student Services Clerk
- Teacher Prep-Aide
- Temporary Cashier I & II
- Theater Assistant
- Concessionaire
- Delivery Assistant

## Another Option... On-the-Job Training

- Incentive for employers to hire students
- Assists employer with expenses related to hiring the individual



- Training funds to the employer
- Amount of OJT is negotiated between DOR and employer (up to \$1500 with exceptions for more).

#### Johnny - Miramar Bookstore



- High School Diploma Program student at San Diego Continuing Education
- No prior work experience
- Temporary Cashier I
- Completing 100 hours of Work Experience



### From Start to Finish... Story of Success!

	Classes Taken	Volunteer/ Internship	Paid Employment
ECE  Early Child Development Student	<ul> <li>Principles &amp; Practices</li> <li>Early Childhood Dev</li> <li>Child Health and Safety</li> <li>Intro to Curriculum</li> <li>Children with Special Needs</li> <li>Family Community         Relationships     </li> <li>Program Creative Experience</li> </ul>	Certificate:  • Early Childhood Education Certificate  • CPR/First Aid Certification	After Volunteering and completing education:  Hired on at Little Minds Preschool
Automotive Student	<ul> <li>Automotive Fundamentals</li> <li>Automotive Electrical I</li> <li>Automotive Chassis &amp; Brake Alignment</li> <li>Automotive Engine Repair/Machining</li> <li>Automotive Air Conditioning</li> <li>Automotive Drivetrains/Transmissions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Certificates:</li> <li>Brake &amp; Alignment Specialist</li> <li>Engine Specialist</li> <li>Transmission Specialist</li> </ul>	America's Tires  Walmart Tire &  Lube-currently

#### Final Thoughts...



### Work-Based Curriculum, Learning & Internship Opportunities...

- Federal and state law paving the way for increased opportunities to access postsecondary education and to gain work experience
- Access to work-based curriculum prepares students for work experiences and internships
- Employer engagement key to developing opportunities for students
- Sources of support outside of your district can aid in developing work experience initiatives on your campus



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