37 People Present

Welcome/Purpose:
Rebecca Shuman, NM’s State Team Leader opened the “Talk Back” session by explaining the purpose of the session: to share information about what the Alliance for Full Participation is; results of the National AFP Summit last week and gather ideas on how to proceed with actions related to our priorities in New Mexico.

What is the Alliance for Full Participation?
Rebecca provided an overview of the National Alliance for Full Participation involving 11 national organizations serving people with developmental disabilities. For more information, visit the website: http://www.allianceforfullparticipation.org/

Results of the National AFP Summit:
Rebecca communicated that as a result of the National AFP Summit held in Washington DC last week, a national statement was developed and adopted by the 11 national organizations for an Agenda for Full Participation in America. For more information, visit our website: http://cdd.unm.edu/csa/afp/index.htm

New Mexico AFP Priorities:
Before gathering ideas, Barbara Ibáñez facilitated an overview of the NM AFP Priorities with a participatory approach involving sound bites about the priorities with related photos. For more information, click on: NM AFP Priority Areas.

Talk Back Session Ideas Shared:
Rebecca facilitated a lively talk back session, which resulted in the sharing of the following ideas from those in attendance.

- Have legislative panels at schools.
- Go beyond “special schools” but “special programs.”
- Employment at state government – work less hours to receive retirement benefits (need to raise amount to $10K) so employee is able to work and receive retirement.
- Rework all parts of system to advance economically.
- How do we bring “full inclusion” to reality. How do we break it into people’s conscientiousness and educate.
- Community work to build awareness.
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- Look at nursing homes; ICF/MR placements and transition to the community.
- Liability insurance for paid respite services is not available. Have to do respite as a volunteer.
- State umbrella organization to help with liability insurance and hiring for self-directed waiver.
- Full participation agenda time has come. Fear of people wanting to go back to institutions.
- Medicaid stretch (medical use) vs. life choices and styles.
- Right direction (AFP).
- Medicaid cuts – individual wants and needs vs. one-size fits all.
- AFP excitement (movement with one person at a time) and community understands full inclusion.
- AFP Summit included participation of self-advocates (SABE was quite assertive).
- Focus more on self-employment options for people with disabilities (current state waiver system doesn’t promote this as an option for providers).
- NM has been doing some good stuff.
- Get leadership at state – lots more funds available – attitude shift in university, state and local levels.
- Meshing of family supports, self-advocates, etc. into ONE VOICE.
- Support/training for direct support staff (i.e. NADSP state chapter, wages, liability issues) current waiver and self-directed waivers.
- State needs to establish risk pool – on one hand restrictive, the other full participation.
- How will self-directed services for people with disabilities in justice systems.

What’s Next?
Rebecca shared what happens next is to sign up to receive NM AFP email meeting notices and more information.

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