

DISABILITY RESOURCE COORDINATORS (DRCs)

Annotated List of DEI DRC Tools and Resources

Meet WorkforceGPS

[WorkforceGPS](#) is the central web portal for the public workforce system and for all of the work of the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) grantees. WorkforceGPS serves as an interactive online communication and learning platform designed to communicate with and build the capacity of the public workforce system. The site includes technical assistance resources, online learning opportunities and space to connect and collaborate with peers. WorkforceGPS Communities offer you the chance to find resources on specific topics, programs, or initiatives--all while engaging with peers on those matters that most interest you.

Creating a WorkforceGPS Account: If you do not already have an account on WorkforceGPS, then your first step should be to create a “My WorkforceGPS” account so that you can access all of the features and functionality of the WorkforceGPS site. Get started [here](#). You can also click [here](#) to go directly to set up an account.

Webinar Archive: You can access a [webinar archive](#) in which the NDI-DEI Technical Assistance team walks through some key features of WorkforceGPS, the DEI and Disability and Employment Communities.

WorkforceGPS Disability Resource Coordinators (DRC) Page

The WorkforceGPS DEI Community was developed with the DEI projects in mind: to provide you with the information and resources you need to help you do your day-to-day work. The [DRC Resources Page](#) contains links to training tools and resources to support project implementation over the course of your grant. It is broken into three sections: Main, Beginner, and Intermediate/Advanced.

- A. **Main:** Provides links to tools and resources that will be helpful to “All” DRCs no matter what stage of grant implementation you are in.
- B. **Beginner:** Provides links to tools and resources to help orient “Beginner” DRCs (in position for up to six months) to their role, responsibilities and initial project implementation.
- C. **Intermediate/Advanced:** Provides links to tools and resources that will assist the workforce system in maximizing its capacity to serve and achieve outcomes on behalf of job seekers with disabilities.

This document includes an annotated list of the tools and resources associated with the three key sections of the DRC Resources Page: [Main](#), [Beginner](#), and [Intermediate/Advanced](#). The left hand side of each of these web pages includes the links to the tools and resources under “**Related Content**” and the middle of the page includes a description of the content with hyperlinks, when available. The Annotated List of DRC Tools and Resources can be used as a guide to the WorkforceGPS DEI Community DRC Resources Page or as a standalone document.

Main DRC Resources Page

DEI projects hire or designate Disability Resource Coordinators to work with the local and state-level DEI project leadership to carry out the goals of the DEI including implementation of the strategic approaches identified in the project's statement of work. The [DRC Resources Page](#) contains links to training tools and resources to support project implementation over the course of your grant.

Below is an annotated list of the “**Additional**” resources included on the [Main](#) page along with active links, where available. For resources that need to be retrieved from the Main page, the active link will take you to that page where you will retrieve the resource under “**Related Content**” on the left navigation bar.

[Tools and Resources for Beginner DRCs](#)

This page contains links to tools and resources to help orient DRCs (in position for up to six months) to their role, responsibilities and initial project implementation.

[Tools and Resources for Intermediate/Advanced DRCs](#)

This page contains links to tools and resources to help DRCs, in their position for more than six months, to assist the workforce system in maximizing its capacity to serve and achieve outcomes on behalf of job seekers with disabilities.

Additional Tools and Resources

Under “**Related Content**” on the web page and below are links to tools and resources that will be helpful to all DRCs.

- [New and Improved Disability CoP and DEI Resources on WorkforceGPS](#) - Overview of the DEI and other WorkforceGPS tools and resources.
- **DEI National TA Overview of Services** - Outlines services provided by the national TA provider. [Document can be downloaded from the [web page](#).]
- [DEI Grant Information](#) - Resources that provide current and historical information about the Disability Employment Initiative.
- [DEI Directory](#) - DEI State Lead and DRC contact charts.
- [DEI Employment Network Tools](#) - Links to tools and resources to support your Employment Network Operations in the public workforce system.
- **DEI Alphabet Soup** - List of common disability employment acronyms along with a brief description with a web link to find more information, if applicable. [Document can be downloaded from the [web page](#).]
- [DEI Monthly Resource Updates](#) - Current / new resources of interest and how they can support the work that you are doing at the community level.
- [DEI Best Practices Highlights](#) - DEI strategies that are impacting the workforce system to increase access to and participation of job seekers with disabilities in career pathways and workforce services at all levels.
- [Business 30-Second Training Series and Guide](#) - Strategies and resources for employers that can assist in retaining and accommodating employees who experience disability.
- [WorkforceGPS Career Pathways Community](#) - Enhance your knowledge, skills, and expertise in building effective career pathways systems.
- [WorkforceGPS Innovation and Opportunity Network Community](#) - A national, regional, state and local alliance that makes available the technical assistance, information sharing, and training needed to implement the vision of WIOA.

- [WorkforceGPS Apprenticeship Community](#) - Online resource for stakeholders and partners to share information and learn from peers regarding innovative Apprenticeship strategies and partnerships.
- [WIOA State Plans](#) - This is a good source to learn what your state is doing around career pathways and Section 188 and how your DEI project can be more connected/integrated.

Tools and Resources for BEGINNER DRCs

The [Beginner DRCs page](#) contains links to tools and resources, found under "**Related Content**" (left navigation bar), to help orient DRCs (in position for up to six months) to their role, responsibilities and initial project implementation. Your Technical Assistance Liaison, in coordination with your project leadership, will help introduce you to these resources and facilitate your use of these tools during project implementation.

Below is an annotated list of the information and resources found on the [Beginner](#) DRC page, along with active links, where available.

[Round VIII DEI Project Lead's Orientation](#)

Information to help orient you to the national vision for Round VIII DEI projects. It covers the DEI national overview including history and evolution, and connection to WIOA; DEI front line overview including top start-up and implementation challenges of your peers; and roles and responsibilities of key players at the national, regional and contractual level.

[Integrated Resource Team \(IRT\)](#)

Includes tools and resources to assist in the understanding and implementation of an Integrated Resource Team. You can use this DEI strategy to bring together public and private sector representatives at the local AJC and community level to integrate services and supports, "blend" and "braid" funds, and leverage resources across multiple service delivery systems.

[Guideposts for Success](#)

A DEI strategy that represents an organizing framework to career pathways programs for youth that implement strategies based upon the youth "Guideposts for Success". (NCWD/Youth, national partner)

[Customized Employment Strategies](#)

Information and resources to help you support job seekers with significant disabilities and multiple challenges to employment participate in customized career pathways programs. (LEAD Center, national partner)

[Expanding Apprenticeship for Individuals with Disabilities](#)

Includes information and resources on programs that encourage hiring individuals with disabilities into Apprenticeship programs, toolkits and guides developed to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities through Apprenticeship, and outreach and background materials to support individuals with disabilities in Apprenticeship opportunities.

DEI Orientation Series: The Role of the DRC

- Part 1: [Introduction to the Role of the Disability Resource Coordinator](#)

- Part 2: [The Role of the DRC and the Workforce Employment Network](#)
- Part 3: [Potential Role of the DRC Related to WIOA](#)
- Part 4: [Role of DRC and Asset Development](#)

Tools and Resources for INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED DRCs

The [Intermediate/Advanced DRCs page](#) contains links to tools and resources, found under "Related Content" (left navigation bar), to help DRCs, in their position for more than six months, to assist the workforce system in maximizing its capacity to serve and achieve outcomes on behalf of job seekers with disabilities. Your Technical Assistance Liaison, in coordination with your project leadership, will help introduce you to these resources and facilitate your use of these tools during project implementation.

Below is an annotated list of the information and resources found on the [Intermediate/Advanced](#) DRC page, along with active links, where available.

[DEI Business Engagement Community of Practice](#)

Access ideas and insights into how to more effectively engage business partners in hiring job seekers with disabilities as an integrated strategy of AJC service delivery.

[DEI Workforce EN Community of Practice](#)

Access ideas and insights on operating Workforce ENs from seasoned DRCs and other DEI project staff from across the country that have achieved success operating Workforce ENs.

[DEI Projects and Career Pathways](#)

Provides information and resources specifically designed to support access to and the participation of individuals with disabilities in WIOA-funded employment and training services, particularly those related to career pathways.

[DEI Best Practices Highlights](#)

DEI strategies by your peers that are impacting the workforce system to increase access to and participation of job seekers with disabilities in career pathways and workforce services at all levels.

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