



SELN-DADS Employment Innovations
**Improve Your Navigation Skills, Part III:
Career-Driven Planning**

DADS Webinar Invitation

Navigating from “traditional day services” to meaningful employment in the general workforce for Texans with developmental disabilities can be daunting. This is the third in a series of webinars to explore why employment is a priority in supporting adults with developmental disabilities to have meaningful lives and how the current day support system can move forward in increasing employment outcomes for people with developmental disabilities in Texas. **Our focus will be the importance of exploring employment options with individuals during the planning process.**

Learning objectives:

- Purposeful and deliberate planning includes employment
- Strategies for incorporating person-centered approach
- Importance of choice and informed decision-making

Date: 1/7/10

Time: 10 am CT/ 11 am ET

Length: 60 minutes (to include time for Q/A)

Target Audience:

Any staff involved with individual service plan development, day and employment services (including: administrators, day program staff, job coaches, employment direct support staff, and case managers)

Presenter:

Melanie Jordan, Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI)/ UMass Boston

Melanie has over twenty-five years of diverse direct human service experience, working with individuals with a wide range of disabilities. As a member of the Training and TA Team at ICI, her current project activity involves the Technical Assistance and Continuing Education (TACE) Region I Center and the Medicaid Infrastructure Comprehensive Employment Opportunities (MICEO) grant. Her activities at ICI also include publication writing; staff development training and consultation; and national conference presentations, all with a focus on employment of persons with disabilities. Along with previous roles providing job development, job coaching and case management services, Melanie has also worked in the areas of special education, residential services, family support, and elder protective services.

- Registration for this webinar is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be closed when all of the spaces are filled.
- To register click on this link: <http://www.tacene.org/?q=node/51&page=event&id=601>
- Organizations and groups are requested to host an onsite gathering for staff to attend together – this will allow more individuals access to the event and encourages group discussion on the topic.
- Technical details, links and reminders will be sent only to registered participants – at a minimum users will need an Internet connection and a landline phone.

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