The Iowa Coalition for Integrated Employment

Employment Outcomes Data Collection Pilot

Purpose of this Data Collection Pilot

This pilot project was undertaken as an effort to test the feasibility of collecting comprehensive employment outcomes data statewide. The goal was to test a collection method and procedures for gathering individual and programmatic data on the outcomes of the employment service and consultation provided through public funding. A secondary goal was to obtain some basic data useful to gauge the impact of the employment systems change underway.

Results for the data collection pilot were received through individual contacts, meetings with Iowa Coalition for Organized Employment (ICOE) staff, and collaboration with Mental Health and Disabilities Services (MHDS) regional COAs. They were selected from all parts of the state, and represent both urban and rural locations, and small and large provider agencies.

Data Collection Method

The survey instrument was a fairly simple electronic spreadsheet. The data were entered by disabled individuals served during the two week period of April 20 through May 5, 2015.

Provider Data Collection - Focus Group Feedback

A focus group of participating providers met with the Regional and Statewide Coalitions to begin the design of the data collection pilot, to help inform future projects of statewide data collection. The focus group was able to identify the outcomes and performance measures, and critical data elements, prior to the project. It is a key product of the work that will be informing other data collection efforts.

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