Today's Objectives

- Overview of the Progressive Employment (PE) Model
  - Kelly Haines, ICI

- Introduction to Scale-Up PE and participation opportunity
  - Julisa Cully, ICI

- Insight from State VR agencies that have implemented PE
  - Linda Mock, ICI (Facilitator)
  - Nathan Piper, VT DVR
  - Libby Stone-Sterling, ME VR
  - Angel Hale, OR CFB
  - Janet Drudik, NE VR

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Timeline for PE model development

2009
VR agency designs PE dual-customer strategy with ARRA funds

2012
NIDILRR funds ICI five-year model replication & evaluation study

2015
PE Learning Collaborative of four state VR agencies established

2017
PE is operational outside of VT, with fidelity to core model components

2019
Emerging evidence base for PE supported by multiple research studies

2021
Scale-Up PE NIDILRR grant supports widespread model implementation
The PE model is a dual-customer, team approach that uses work-based learning (WBL) strategies to meet the needs of businesses and jobseekers with barriers to employment.
## Scale-Up PE

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<td>• Work with ICI staff with knowledge of PE model and VR policy and operations</td>
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<td>• Expand ExploreVR.org to house learning resources and online community</td>
<td>• Partner with Mathematica to use VR Coach tool to measure outcomes</td>
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<td>• Knowledge Translation links lessons learned from research to practice</td>
<td>• ICI Fidelity of Implementation Toolkit helps agencies stay on track</td>
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Progressive Employment Learning Collaborative

The Progressive Employment Learning Collaborative brings members together in a cross-state forum to solve problems, identify and apply solutions, and measure outcomes and results through research and evaluation activities.

State VR Agency Members include:

Coming soon: Call for new Learning Collaborative State VR Agency Members!
Recruitment

• Request for participation (RFP)

• Open to all state VR agencies and AIVRS programs

• Target: 3-4 VR agencies

• Selection criteria
Application Questions

- Agency demographic information
- Business engagement staff
- Work-based learning strategies
- Available resources (fiscal, personnel, etc.)
- CMS and ability to track data
- Other ongoing pilot projects or major initiatives
Coming Soon

• Follow-up Consultation
  Call 3/31/2021 @ 2 pm ET

• PE Learning Collaborative
  RFP

• Webinar #2 on research
  findings
Questions?

If you have any additional questions, please contact Kelly Haines:

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Thank you for your participation!