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2010 STATEWIDE INCLUSION TEAM STRATEGIC PLAN

I. Outreach

Goal: Promote Colorado's national service programs as an opportunity and a bridge to skill building, career development, and community inclusion.

Step 1: Increase public awareness of the opportunities national service programs provide for persons with disabilities.

Step 2: Annually obtain an AmeriCorps member position description from each program with a list of essential functions.

Step 3: Create a curriculum that will teach national service program sites how to better involve persons with disabilities and promote awareness of disability related issues of accessibility and independent living.

Step 4: Disseminate national service program information through networks of people with disabilities identified by the Inclusion Team.

Step 5: Address non-traditional networks of people with disabilities, such as member organizations, adult and developmental education students, and CNCS priority populations (i.e. older adults).

Step 6: Create a presentation of national service resource materials to target high school students, their parents, school personnel, and transition coordinators.

Step 7: Gain media exposure for current and former members with disabilities.

II. Partnerships/Collaboration

Goal: Develop on-going state and local level relationships between stakeholders and organizations that promote the involvement of people with disabilities in volunteerism and national service programs.

Step 1. Obtain contact information and create a database on disability organizations in the state.

Step 2. Participate in developing Colorado's disability plan, summarizing the efforts made by a state commission to include individuals with disabilities.

Step 3. Develop state level partnerships with National Service Inclusion Project partners such as: Association on Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD), National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC), and The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL).

III. Policies & Procedures

Goal: Identify and address local, state, and federal policies and practices that present barriers to inclusion in national service programs.

Step 1: Survey Colorado's national service programs and participants to identify policy and practice issues that hinder/foster inclusion.

Step 2: Review local, state, and federal policies and procedures that hinder/foster inclusion and integration.

Step 3: Develop strategies to address barriers to inclusion in policies and procedures.

The Governor's Commission on Community Service serves as a catalyst for the promotion and expansion of community service and volunteerism to all Colorado residents as an effective means to address civic and social issues and improve the overall well being of communities throughout the state.