

## **Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Begins Database of Volunteers**

The Medicaid Infrastructure Grant is a five-year, multimillion-dollar federal grant focused on identifying and reducing barriers to employment for people with disabilities and the aging population. Our workgroups continue to create strategies around the transition from school to work; stakeholder education; transportation; and recruitment, hiring, and promotion. During April, our major thrusts have included the development of a state-of-the-art web site, and planning for our second annual Employment Summit that will take place on June 27.

As representatives of the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant travel around the state, doing presentations and networking, people frequently say, “This is so exciting! Is there a way I can help to move this project along?” Until recently, our response has been vague. There is much that needs to be done, but we didn't have a way of mobilizing the people who want to give of their time and energy.

In the last few weeks, we have developed a Volunteer Interest Inventory (please see below), and begun developing a database of volunteers. We can now start matching up people with immediate and long-range volunteer assignments.

If you want to get involved right away, consider these two possibilities:

1. We are seeking people with disabilities, especially hidden disabilities, and their employers for a Success Stories video being put together by our public relations firm, Mintz and Hoke.
2. With the Employment Summit less than two months away, we are seeking volunteers to help us with the logistics, such as staffing the registration table, running the microphone back and forth during the question-and-answer session, and general gofer. There may be other needs as well.

Please fill out the Volunteer Interest Inventory and send it back to us. We appreciate your interest and we can use your talents!

For questions about volunteering, please contact Cathy Ludlum at [cathyludlum@cox.net](mailto:cathyludlum@cox.net) or 860-649-7110. For more general information about the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, please contact Amy Porter at [amy.porter@ct.gov](mailto:amy.porter@ct.gov) or 1-800-773-4636.

## Medicaid Infrastructure Grant - Interest Inventory for Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant.  
To register as a volunteer, please complete this form and return it to

[cathyludlum@cox.net](mailto:cathyludlum@cox.net)

Cathy Ludlum, 46 St. James Street, #16, Manchester, CT 06040

Questions? Please call 860-649-7110

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to...*

*\* red indicates immediate need*

*\* appear in a video as a successful employer or employee*

*\* volunteer at the Employment Summit on June 27, 2007*

participate in the Speakers Bureau -- publicize the goals of the project by sharing my story and knowledge

identify key employers (ongoing)

introduce a person with a disability to my workplace

provide internships, summer employment, job shadowing, and/or information interviews

become a peer mentor -- people with disabilities/older workers needed to support others toward employment

help to create a local level initiative – write an application; implement a plan

be on a team to review applications for local initiatives

test the web site for accessibility and/or content

field test materials for accessibility and/or usefulness

research innovative approaches (through literature, the web, or other means) to help reach goals in the priority areas

participate in focus groups (convened as needed)

get on the list as a future member of the Steering Committee or workgroups (monthly commitment)

volunteer in another way (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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