



The CT Chapter of the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) hosts a statewide meeting of the CT Job Developers Leadership Network (JDLN) annually, each fall. The October 2016 meeting was held during National Disability Employment Awareness Month. EverSource, in Berlin, hosted the event that was attended by over 90 Job Developers and Employment Specialists. The event offers opportunities for regional groups to meet and discuss progress and goals of their local JDLN's over the previous year, offer networking opportunities and hear statewide information.

James Louchen, a Self-Advocate Coordinator with the Self Determination Division of the Department of Developmental Services served as the spokesman for the West Regions' JDLN. James offered insight into the information, discussions and presentations shared at his regional bimonthly meetings. He also encouraged statewide attendees to take part in their regions JDLN meetings and promote the groups value going forward.