

Blended and Braided Resources

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration,
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Employment First

- WHEREAS, the state of Michigan recognizes that “competitive integrated employment” is the first priority and optimal outcome for persons with disabilities, regardless of level or type of disability
- Statewide workgroups toward this end

New MOU

- How CMHSPs and MRS can work together optimally
- Share a visual of the collaborative process

Braided Funds

1. CPN/CMH is supporting an individual in a group employment (recognized by MRS as nonintegrated) setting, and MRS provides vocational counseling, job placement and job coaching, towards a CIE setting, or;
2. CPN/CMH provides long-term follow-along services (recognized as extended services by MRS) and MRS provides job development to help an individual advance in CIE, or;
3. CPN/CMH supports career exploration or job shadows while the individual is applying for MRS, and after the IPE is developed MRS covers the cost of job placement and job coaching until the transition to the contracted provider network for long-term follow-along services (recognized as extended services by MRS).

Blended Funds

- Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement
- Local match + federal draw down = dedicated fund source
- Spend local dollars first
- Team meetings review budget progress and services provided

Teams

- What are your roles?
- How do you interface?
- What practices have you discovered that work best?
- How do you braid/blend resources?
