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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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ARTICLES AND INFORMATION BRIEFS

Alliance for Full Participation, November 2011
All of the handouts and PowerPoint presentations from the conference. Over 1250 people participated in the Real Jobs--It's Everyone's Business Summit in Washington, DC, which marked the mid-point in a campaign to double integrated employment for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by the year 2015.

Roadmap to a 21st Century Disability Policy
This Issue Brief, from the Mathematica Policy Research Center for Studying Disability Policy, outlines an alternative approach to slowing expenditure growth while improving the economic status of Americans with disabilities. The proposed plan addresses the work disincentives and fragmentation that drive up program costs. Reform will be difficult and will require a gradual transition, starting with a demonstration period to gather the information needed for effective reform.

SSI Recipients Who Work
Institute for Community Inclusion, December 2011
Work incentives aimed at encouraging Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients to enter the workforce have remained largely underutilized. Despite their promotion, a very small percentage of SSI recipients actually work. This Data Note looks at the employment outcomes of SSI recipients across the country and highlights some interesting trends.

VIDEO CONTEST

What Can YOU Do? Video Contest
This Campaign for Disability Employment asks individuals what they can do to promote positive change and challenge misconceptions about the skills and talents of people with disabilities. Videos can be submitted under three categories: general public, youth, and employer. Videos must be entered by March 30, 2012.

PROGRAMS AND NETWORKS

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD) for Youth
The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve all youth, including youth with disabilities and other disconnected youth. NCWD/Youth works to ensure that transition age youth are provided full access to high quality services in integrated settings to gain education, employment and independent living.

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