



The State Employment Leadership Network (SELN) completed its fifth year of operation in June 2011. Expanding involvement in SELN by state developmental disabilities agencies and the continued participation of states that joined the Network in prior years is testament to the value of this innovative approach to systems change. The SELN Project Team is committed to ensuring that the Network offers the highest quality technical assistance and support to member state agencies and is using the five year benchmark as an opportunity to take stock of the Network's operations and its effectiveness at meeting its original purpose and intent. The Project Team is seeking an outside entity to perform an independent assessment of the structure and functioning of the SELN with the goal of providing feedback on the extent to which the Network's structures and activities continue to meet states' needs and to inform planning decisions about future operations, investments and priorities.

The SELN Project Team is seeking to learn:

- In what ways has a state's SELN membership increased capacity to develop, implement and support integrated employment at the state level?
- To what extent has the SELN influenced the dialogue about and direction of policy at the national level?
- How has the participation of individuals with ID/DD or their access to integrated employment changed in individual states?

Format

The review can include both (phone or in person) interviews and a short, online survey.

Key Questions

1. What actions has your state taken to improve employment outcomes among persons with ID/DD receiving support as a result of SELN participation in terms of changes in:
 - a. State level policy
 - b. Operational practices
 - c. Program administration, management, interagency collaboration or communication
2. In what ways has participation in the SELN and access to Network resources, direct assistance and support helped you (your state) in making these changes? Please address the impact of SELN participation with respect to:
 - a. State agency staffing, job function or responsibilities, direction and training
 - b. Policy planning and development
 - c. Leadership and messaging
 - d. Changes in the delivery structure, design, or definition of employment services
3. What works well and how can the SELN improve or strengthen its ability to meet state's needs with respect to:
 - a. SELN meetings and teleconferences
 - b. Direct technical assistance and support
 - c. Responsiveness of project staff
 - d. Other – what else?

