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Employment First:

*Partnerships in Employment Systems
Change*

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Employment First – Iowa Style

- Iowa does not have an Executive Order or an Official State Policy on Employment First!
- We do have active systems change efforts and passionate voices driving Employment First forward.

The Beginning

- MIG Grant – “Working Together so All Can Work”
 - Within Medicaid
 - State Agencies
 - Employers and General Public
 - Medicaid Members and Iowans with Disabilities and Families
- Money Follows the Person

2009/2010

- Ticket to Work Summit -Promoting new Ticket regulations
- Statewide focus groups asking *“How do we make competitive employment the 1st Priority and the expected and preferred outcome”*
- Employment First Summits
- Membership in the State Employment Leadership Network (SELN)
- Olmstead Plan

2011/2012

- MHDS Employment Outcome Vision –
“Employment in the general workforce is the first priority and the expected and preferred outcome in the provision on publically funded services for all working age Iowans with disabilities”
- Partnerships in Employment- Iowa Coalition for Integrated Employment (ICIE)
- Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program (EFSLMP)

2012/2013

- Olmstead and MHDS System Redesign
- Remaining MIG
- ICIE Goals/Activities
- EFSLMP Goals/Activities

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