

Join the 2025-2026 Community of Practice on Community Life Engagement

What is a Community of Practice?

A Community of Practice (CoP) is a peer to peer learning community. The Community Life Engagement CoP is for disability service providers seeking to move away from congregate services toward supporting authentic community life engagement for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD).

Participants will:

- **Learn from each other.** Using the ECHO Model (projectecho.unm.edu/model), we will rely on an “All Teach, All Learn” strategy so members can learn from each other’s real-world experiences and challenges.
- **Learn from subject matter experts.** This includes the Community Life Engagement in Action team and other experts in supporting providers to achieve high quality Community Life Engagement outcomes.
- **Gain support and coaching** from a community of like-minded peers.
- **Benefit from group problem-solving** with others facing similar situations.

What type of members are we looking for?

We are looking for service provider organizations with a demonstrated commitment to the vision of community life engagement at multiple levels within their organization.

What does membership involve?

CoP members will meet via Zoom ten times over the course of a year. Each meeting will include a short expert presentation on some aspect of community life engagement, followed by “member sharing” whereby an organization offers a practice challenge for group problem-solving and reciprocal learning. There is a minimum of a one-year commitment, with the option to continue beyond the first year.

How do I sign up?

Complete our brief [application survey](#)

The application deadline for the 2025-2026 cohort is **July 11**.