Focus Group: DSPD, Supported Employment Settings  
Cannon Health Building, Room 129  
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Welcome: Anne Stephens

Introductions: Tell us your name and your connection to individuals in DSPD Supported Employment Group (SEG) settings.

Purpose: To inform the State on how to best improve community integration and preserve individual rights/preferences in residential settings.

Ground Rules:
- No right or wrong answers, just different points of view. We are interested in both negative and positive comments, and at times negative comments are the most helpful.
- You don’t need to agree with others, but you must listen respectfully as others share their views.
- We ask that you please turn off cell phones or put them on silent. If you cannot and must answer a call please do so quietly and rejoin us as quickly as you can.
- My role as the moderator will be to guide the discussion.
- Talk to each other.

Questions

1. Definition of community integration given.
   a. What are we already doing to successfully integrate individuals in their workplace?
   b. What can we do to improve community integration in group employment settings?

2. Integration challenges:
   c. What are the challenges associated with improving community integration?
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   d. Further define the top 2-4 challenges.

3. The setting must optimize but not regiment individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices; and facilitate individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.
   a. What are we already doing to successfully incorporate individual needs and preferences in group employment settings?
   b. How can the person-centered planning process be improved to support individualized employment goals in group settings?
   c. Are there other ways to improve choice in group employment settings?

4. What other questions, concerns, or suggestions do you have for us?
   a. What kind of training or guidance would you like to see from the State?
   b. How can we better communicate with you?