Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
VR Fast Track

December 12-16, 2016
How Did We Get Here?

• OOD needs a rapid response to individuals and businesses requesting assistance to help individuals get the services they need in order to support them to get or adjust to their job.

• In addition to assisting individuals in maintaining employment, OOD needs to identify potential other criteria for which a fast track to employment could benefit individuals/businesses.
The team included vocational rehabilitation counselors, caseload assistants, vocational rehabilitation supervisors, and a business sourcing analyst. There was also representation from VR Policy and Procedures, VR administration, Business Engagement, and the Bureau for the Visually Impaired, as well as two fresh perspectives (DDD and Supreme Court).

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Event Scope

• What is the first step in the process?
  – Our process begins with referral of a potential candidate for VR services

• What is the final step in the process?
  – Our process ends with the VR consumer being placed in employment
Event Baseline Data

In FY 2016, the approximate number of months for a case to move from application to employed status was 15.3 months.
Process Improvement Goals

- Determine easily identifiable criteria for “fast track” process to rapidly get individuals engaged in VR services
- Reduce processing time
- Minimize disruption in productivity and income for individuals/businesses that need services
Change for the Better

- Customer focused
- Right people changing the process
- One week-quick and action oriented
- Necessary resources available immediately
- New process implementation begins next Monday
Day One

- Level setting
- Scope of event
- Stakeholder identification
- Current state mapping
Day Two
• Finish current state mapping
• Waste identification
• Value added discussion
• Lean Six Sigma training
Day Three

- Brainstorming
- Analysis
- Problem solving
- Process redesign

Ideal Candidate #1
- Employed
- Has all records
- Requires less than 3 services
- Job ready or less than 3 months in service
- Has integrated community job experience
- No transportation needs

Ideal Candidate #2
- Unemployed – recently unemployed, i.e., employed less than 6 months ago
- Has all records
- Positive work history
- Has integrated community job experience
- Able to pass criminal background check and drug test (that does not impact the job goal)
- Requires less than 3 services up to placement (in addition to voc counseling and guidance)
- No training needed
- Has own accommodation or need has already been determined
- No transportation needs
- Job readiness checklist completed

Ideal Candidate #3
- High School Seniors/ Recent Graduates
- 18 years old or no guardian
- Have had OTSP training
- Have completed career tech
- Has all records
- Has available job goal with labor market support
- Needs less than 3 services
- No transportation needs
- Ready for employment

Ruled Out for Fast Track
- Home or vehicle modification
- Seeking self-employment
- College seeking
- No integrated community work experience
- Requires greater than 4 services
- Services will take longer than 6 months
Brainstorming and Affinity Diagrams
Day Four

- Clean Sheet Re-Designs
- Future State Process
- Discussion and Consensus
- Implementation Planning
- Details
Today - Day Five

• More implementation planning
• Celebration
• Sharing results
Summary of Improvements

• 1 year faster!
• Elimination of loopbacks
• Identification of Fast Track candidates
• Savings for job seekers/employees
  • Avoiding loss of productivity
• Savings for Employer
  • Will retain and receive talent with less downtime
# Summary Scorecard

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- Training/Communication/Partnerships
- IT
- Policy/Procedure
- Fast Track Criteria
Implementation Plans

Communication & Training

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Dev Communication Strategy - Bob Nicholson |

Kaizen FT Update - Bob/Darin | Dec. 16th - ongoing |

Dev Job Aids - Ashley/Chad, Jay

Partnership
- BLN - educate on FT, Encourage Support & Buy In - encourage support of new members by sharing OD expenses
- CRP's - educate on FT, reason for using internal services 1st, encourage Buy In - provide expectations on shortened time frame
- Employers - Educate on FT - provide Disability Awareness training
- ODD Staff - In Person training on FT - Encourage Buy In
# Implementation Plans

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Implementation Plans

Policies | Procedures

IPE
Comprehensive Assessment

Candidate Sourcing Specialist

Job Related Service Procedures

New Procedure for using Internal vs External Providers

FT Policy/Procedure

Referral | Application
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What Begins Next Week?

• Begin prepping for January implementation
• Identify Pilot Group
• Begin Policy and Procedure development
• Begin Working Communication Plan
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