

# Raising Expectations for Better Futures

NEW RESOURCES TO ENGAGE FAMILIES  
IN EMPLOYMENT PLANNING!



Please join the **Massachusetts Partnership for Transition to Employment** for the virtual launch of new training content on the role employment can play in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the roles families can play in encouraging employment.

Do you want to learn how to better engage families in employment planning for youth with disabilities? This training is ideal for educators, employment services staff, and advocates who support youth with disabilities and their families.



## Work is For Everyone

The objective of this introductory training is to raise family members' expectations for employment by presenting real-life examples and possibilities. A series of five videos will be presented along with discussion prompts.

2/9 | 9-10:30am

## Paving the Way to Employment Success

This three-part series aims to equip parents to move from having high expectations to taking actions to support employment success. Each session will include a live presentation with multiple interactive options.

2/23 | 9-10am | **Setting Goals and Taking Action**

3/2 | 9-10am | **Essential Skills for Employment Success: What Families Can Do At Home**

3/9 | 9-10am | **Understanding and Navigating Employment Supports in Massachusetts**

## Follow up Coaching Session

Join us for a follow-up session to learn how to access, adapt and use the training materials. All training content will be made available for free use by trainers after the initial launch.

3/16 | 9-10am

**Parents, Guardians, other family members, advocates, and professionals who support people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, are welcome to join in this training launch.**

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▶ **To Register for any or all sessions:**  
<https://urls.communityinclusion.org/Better-Futures/>



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