Families play a crucial role in the lives of youth and adults with significant disabilities. The Michigan Employment First Initiative has sponsored the creation of two training resources to build the capacity of educators, employment professionals, and advocates in to better engage families around employment. Come to this train the trainer event to learn how to best deliver these free trainings statewide. The day will conclude with a discussion on how to integrate the principles of Charting the LifeCourse framework into this Michigan specific training, as well as how to “scale up” engaging families and self-advocates in improved employment outcomes.

This training of trainers offers two respective curriculums:

- **A 2-hour parent training curriculum created for families “A Future that Includes Employment: A Workshop for Families,” that includes information and activities designed to:**
  - Promote high expectations that employment is possible
  - Highlight ways families can help youth prepare for employment
  - Help youth create a vision for their own lives
  - Discuss concerns before they become barriers
  - Integrate the principles of Charting the LifeCourse framework into this training

- **A 1-hour curriculum targeting staff and professionals who serve youth and adults with significant disabilities and their families “Lighting the Way: Helping Families See Possibilities in Competitive Employment”, that includes:**
  - Understanding the experience of families
  - Understanding reasons for apprehension to explore employment
  - Strategies to address that apprehension and make your agency more “family centered”

**Who should attend:** Leadership and training staff of entities who engage with families around employment:
Self-advocacy organizations, parent training centers, community rehabilitation providers, family liaisons, community mental health service providers, support coordinators, Peer Mentors, WIPA Leads, Voc Rehab organizations, Arcs, Disability Network staff, Seamless Transition pilot partners

*Professionals are strongly encouraged to bring a family member and be trained as a team to deliver training session to employment staff.*

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