Summary of Public Comments Received During Workgroup 3 Meeting #2- Monday, September 9, 2024 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

This summary reflects the themes and ideas received from public comments provided during the workgroup meeting's public comment period. Public participants were invited to speak and share their comments with the workgroup and to share their comments using the Zoom chat and Q&A. Themes from public comments included:

Challenges in Employment and Education

- Help set up job programs that provide good work for people with disabilities and stop unfair hiring practices.
- Make sure schools and employers are trained to help people with disabilities. Set up rules to ensure all students can access resources and internships.

Need for Systemic Reform and Accountability

- Set up regular checks and reviews for Regional Centers to ensure they are providing good services and fixing any problems.
- Review and update systems like pediatric care and RC services to make them work better for people with disabilities. Work with others to create and apply these changes.

Workforce Development and Training

- Create and expand training programs for service providers so they can better support people with disabilities, including those who have been involved with the justice system.
- Encourage young people to consider careers in disability support by including these jobs in school programs and creating clear paths into the field.

Financial and Support Services

- Start and fund easy-to-access programs that teach people with disabilities how to manage their money and become more independent.
- Improve how grants and support services are provided to people with disabilities and their families, and make sure they are clearly communicated.

Diversity and Inclusivity

- Make sure that advisory and decision-making groups include people from diverse backgrounds to better represent everyone's needs.

Trust and Community Engagement

- Regularly talk with the disability community and involve them in decisions to build and keep trust, and make sure their concerns are addressed.