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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Education Agency Leads
Route To: Directors of Special Education, Principals, Child Study Team Members,
Transition Coordinators, Special Education Teachers
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Training Opportunities Offered through the Community-Based Instruction Project

The New Jersey Department of Education in partnership with the Boggs Center on Disability and Human Development at Rutgers University, is offering training opportunities on Community-Based Instruction (CBI). CBI is an evidence-based practice that supports the successful transition from school to adult life and the full inclusion of students with disabilities in their communities. When the community is used as a learning environment, it provides practical, meaningful opportunities for students to develop skills through authentic experiences, thereby promoting greater self-determination, interdependence, and an enhanced quality of life in adulthood.

The CBI Project provides a variety of training, free of cost, for school personnel aimed at expanding and improving the quality of CBI implementation across New Jersey. The project offers in-person and virtual workshops and events that help students acquire, apply, and generalize skills for careers, post-secondary education, and the community, while aligning with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and students' Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals.

This year, training opportunities will include: *Foundations of CBI Training Series for New Personnel*, *Job Coaching for Career Exploration in Community Settings*, *CBI Overviews*, *CBI for Younger Students: Building a Foundation for the Future*, *Marketing Matters: Making the Most of CBI through Community Partnerships*, *Quality Career Development: Making the Most of CBI for Career Exploration*, the annual *CBI Showcase*, as well as additional supplemental trainings based on the needs of CBI practitioners.

Registration

Please find all information and instructions for registering for sessions on the [CBI Registration Webpage](#).

Contact Information

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