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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Special Education Directors, Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Transition Coordinators, Child Study Team Members, Special Education Teachers

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
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### **Training Opportunities Offered through the Community-Based Instruction Project**

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education, in partnership with the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at Rutgers University, is offering training opportunities on Community-Based Instruction (CBI). The CBI Project is focused on improving transition across the lifespan and postschool outcomes for students with disabilities. CBI is an evidence-based practice that supports the transition from school to adult life and promotes the successful inclusion of students with disabilities in their communities. Regularly utilizing the community – traditional or virtual – as a learning environment provides practical and meaningful opportunities for students to develop skills through authentic experiences. This helps to promote greater independence, interdependence, and enhanced quality of life in adulthood through the acquisition, application, and generalization of skills utilized within careers, postsecondary education/training, and community activities, while still aligning to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and students' Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals.

This year, training opportunities will include the *Foundations of CBI Training Series for New Personnel, Job Coaching for Career Exploration in Community Settings, CBI for Younger Students: Building a Foundation for the Future, CBI for Families: Understanding the Benefits of CBI*, Virtual Community of Practice Sessions and additional supplemental trainings based on the needs of CBI practitioners. Further explanation of each training can be found via the link to the CBI Training Page provided below.

#### **Registration**

Please find all training opportunities with descriptions and instructions for registering on the [CBI Training Page](#) on the Boggs Center Website.

There is no charge to participate in any of the training opportunities. Funding for these trainings is provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B.

#### **Contact Information**

If you have questions about CBI training opportunities, please contact the CBI Project Team: Lisa Corliss at [Lisa.Corliss@rutgers.edu](mailto:Lisa.Corliss@rutgers.edu) or Jocelyn Muse-Taylor at [Jocelyn.MuseTaylor@rutgers.edu](mailto:Jocelyn.MuseTaylor@rutgers.edu).

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