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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators

of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Nonpublic School Supervisors, School

Administration, Child Study Team Members, School Counselors, School Faculty

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Division of Educational Services

NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities Notice of Funding Opportunities

The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD) is issuing the following two notices of requests for funding proposals for qualified entities:

- 1. Notice of Request for Funding Proposals to Improve access to and the provision of education and transition services that align with Employment First.
- 2. Notice of Request for Funding Proposals to Plan and implement projects designed to increase the number of individuals with I/DD who are engaged in competitive, integrated employment.

The mission of NJCDD is to assure that individuals with I/DD in New Jersey, and their families, participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of life through culturally competent programs. One of the ways in which the NJCDD accomplishes this is through the support of projects aligned with the mission and identified as priorities and goals in its Five-Year State Plan.

The NJCDD is currently accepting proposals to provide information and technical assistance designed to empower students, families, and stakeholders in identifying and delivering education and transition services that align with Employment First, and that can lead to competitive integrated employment, post-secondary education, and/or independent living options, with an emphasis on supporting those in urban and rural schools.

To be considered, prospective applicants must submit full project proposals to NJCDD within 84 days of this announcement. For more information, visit the NJCDD website regarding the project requirements and submission timeline.

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