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Understanding Disability & Entrepreneurship

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Employment Rate

*(people with disabilities compared to people without disabilities)*

- Nationally: 34% vs. 74%
- Illinois: 35% vs. 75%

Why so low?

- Policy barriers, poverty, discrimination

What is being done?

- Shifts in policy and practices
- Cost-effectiveness

WHY ENTREPRENEURSHIP?

What is the Problem?

- Unemployment and underemployment of people with disabilities
  - Due to barriers and discrimination in employment
  - Cycle of poverty

Why is it Gaining Interest?

- Among policymakers...
  - Shift in policy
- Among service providers & community organizations...
  - Cost-effectiveness
  - Customized employment
- Among people with disabilities & their families...
  - Push/pull motivations
What (exactly) is Entrepreneurship?

- **SELF-EMPLOYMENT** is a customized employment strategy meant to employ an individual through the creation of a business with the goal of achieving financial self-sufficiency.

- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** is the creation of a business that is both profit- and growth-oriented. Meaning that it is intended to employ others as well as being a customized employment strategy with the goal of financial self-sufficiency.

- **SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP** is the creation of a business that has not only a profit-generating mission, but also a social mission that is central to the business itself. Many social entrepreneurs start businesses because of their personal experience with disadvantage or unmet need they see in their community.

As an employment strategy:
- It is one possible employment strategy to be considered among others.
- Not everyone is going to want to be or should be an entrepreneur.
- Those who do should have equal opportunity and access to information & resources.

As an anti-poverty strategy

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Participation Through Innovation (PTI) Project Overview

2010-2014: Pilot research grant funded by University of Illinois at Chicago.

Goal: to understand how people with disabilities recognize business opportunities, the incentives/disincentives to start-up and success, current resources/supports and gaps.

Project Outcomes:
1. Literature/policy review on disability and entrepreneurship.
2. Community Resource Assessment of services, supports, resources.
4. Qualitative Study: interviews with disability and business stakeholders (n=27); focus groups with social entrepreneurs with disabilities (n=19); dyadic interviews with social entrepreneurs with intellectual disabilities and key support persons (n=6 dyads).

Key Barriers to Disability-Entrepreneurship

1. Lack of centrally reported data.
2. Financial and economic barriers.
3. Attitudinal barriers.
4. Traditional-expectations barrier.
5. Low-readiness barrier.
   ▶ Education, training, technical assistance.
   ▶ Business development.
   ▶ Individual characteristics.
   ▶ Programmatic barriers.
   ▶ Public services and assistance.
   ▶ Technological barriers.
7. Social support barriers.

I walk into a traditional lender and they see I’m making around $13,000 per year in disability [social security benefits]... securing a loan is difficult unless there are programs that help people with disabilities launch business entities.

I didn’t really have any mentors with disabilities. It would definitely help because it’s a different ballgame [having a disability and running a business]. People without disabilities don’t have to consider what I do additionally, such as pay for personal assistants and that kind of thing.
Chicagoland Entrepreneurship Education for People with Disabilities (CEED) Project Overview

- Two year project (Jan 2015-Dec 2016) funded by Coleman Foundation

- **Goals:** to bridge entrepreneurship and disability, develop/enhance skills of service providers, build collaboration, prepare entrepreneurs.

Project Outcomes:
1. Create community resource guide for entrepreneurs.
2. Collect national success stories of entrepreneurs.
3. Provide training and education for:
   - Staff in Disability Community Agencies and Small Business Development Centers.
   - People with disabilities (and support persons).

CEED Project

- Addressing the central barrier in access to entrepreneurial education and training opportunities for people with disabilities as well as providers who are working with them!
Entrepreneurship & Disability Employment Policy

- UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Article 27 on Work and Employment:
  - f) Promote opportunities for self-employment, entrepreneurship, the development of cooperatives and starting one’s own business

- Workforce Investment Act, 1998
  - Established one-stop employment centers including the provision of entrepreneurship training

- Reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), 2014

- Employment First Policy
  - At the Federal & State level

Programs Offering Entrepreneurship Training & Support

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Data compiled from GAO Report on Employment for People with Disabilities, June 2012
1. Service provided to more than 50 percent of program participants.
2. Service provided to less than 50 percent of program participants.
3. Service provided, but extent unknown.
National Task Force Recommendations on Disability-Entrepreneurship

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Combining Disability & Business Resources

- Small Business Administration (SBA) & SCORE
  - Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) or LGBT Owned Business Enterprise Programs
  - Disability Owned Business Enterprise Programs?
- Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)
  - WIPA/PASS Planning
  - Business Enterprises Owned by People with Disabilities (BEPD)
- US Business Leadership Network (USBLN)
  - Disability Owned Business Enterprises (DOBE)
- Chicago Business Leadership Network (CBLN)
- Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Personal Assistance Services
- Supplemental Needs Trusts & ABLE Accounts
Resources

CEED Resource Page: www.CEEDproject.org/resources.html


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