**System Gap Addressed**

- The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) has a long history of exploring and supporting efforts to expand the range of asset development choices for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD). As such the Council recognizes the importance of NCABLE accounts as an important savings vehicle and investment option for people living with disabilities and their families.

- To increase public awareness and expand outreach efforts through training and education about NCABLE and other savings options available to people living with disabilities and their families.

**Initiative Goals and Timeline**

- A contractor will facilitate collaborative efforts among Department of State Treasurer (DST), North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation, and the network of previous trainers and master trainer from the Upward to Financial Stability Initiative for coordinated outreach efforts and targeted trainings covering NCABLE

- Develop a pipeline of trained VR staff that are familiar with NCABLE

- Encourage synergy between VR transition and Depart of Public Instruction regarding importance of asset development options available to students living with disabilities and their families (2020)

- Leveraging partnership with NCDVR and DST a NCABLE module will be developed and added to the Upward to Financial Stability curriculum

**Description of Activities**

- Coordinate the development of live and on demand webinars

- Facilitation of Partnership among Department of State Treasurer, North Carolina Vocational Services to promote NCABLE

- Design NCABLE module to be added to Upward to Financial Stability curriculum and present four in person trainings using the “Train the Trainer “model.

- Facilitation of LMS (Learning Management System) training designed to be offered to all NCVR employees

- Targeted NCABLE outreach activities among private financial institutions

**Achievements and Outcomes to Date**

- Formation of NC ABLE Alignment team which includes: NCDVR, DHHS, NCCDD, and The Collaborative

- Coordination of statewide conference on asset building for people living with disabilities that convened 63 bankers, bank regulators, advocates, and personal finance professionals to focus on the asset development and disability

- Coordinate the development of NC ABLE vignette assigned to all NCDVR employees via LMS (Learning Management System) – currently there is a 92.5% completion rate!

- Coordination of two NC ABLE Trainings (81 attendees) in Raleigh and Winston Salem

- Coordinated outreach with NCDVR

**Expected System Change as Result**

- To increase public awareness and expand outreach efforts through training and education about NCABLE and other savings options available to people living with disabilities and their families

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