The NJ Partnership offers a beneficial training opportunity for direct support professionals through a nationally recognized curriculum grounded in best practice. The NJ Partnership benefits agencies by providing the tools to:

- Offer easily accessible and cutting edge continuing education through the College of Direct Support
- Offer staff the New Jersey Career Path, leading to increased workforce retention
- Increase the online availability of agency developed courses and material
- Easily access online staff training records
- Increase staff skills, confidence, and job satisfaction
- Provide better supports to people with disabilities

For additional information, go to: www.nj.gov/ddd/DSPWD

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**State-of-the-Art Online Courses** that use latest technology, along with proven curriculum and a national board of editors, to create vibrant, multi-media learning opportunities for direct support professionals.

**Competency-Based Training** built upon comprehensive job analysis and intended to promote career development. The courses support learners to develop and demonstrate the attitude, knowledge, and skills necessary to provide high quality direct support to people.

**Lessons to Support Community Life** enabling direct support professionals to enhance their skills, confidence, and personal commitment to supporting people with disabilities to be active, valued participants in their neighborhood, communities and across the country.

- **Beverly Pavloff**, The Arc of Atlantic County
- **Safy Diedhiou**, Matheny Medical and Educational Center
- **Crystal Eisenbrey**, The Arc of Middlesex County
- **Jennifer Velez**, Commissioner, NJ Department of Human Services

"The online courses have increased my knowledge and self-confidence to provide quality support to people with disabilities."

"I loved the courses. They were exactly what I needed. I felt like they saw the exact tools I need to improve myself in the field."

"I have a 4-year degree from an accredited university and can honestly say that my growth in knowledge as a Direct Support Professional and my advancement in this field can be attributed to the College of Direct Support."

"We are offering a great new opportunity for professional growth...while many other states have similar initiatives, ours will be unique to New Jersey; customized to what works in our system and what works for you. We're really encouraged by the positive feedback and are excited to get you all involved!"