

CPD Receives IOTI Grant for Multicultural Training

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The Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University has received an Interagency Outreach Training Initiative (IOTI) grant to provide multicultural training to service providers across the state.

According to JC Vazquez, the CPD's multicultural coordinator, the training is designed to help professionals and paraprofessionals become aware of effective communication practices with diverse populations.

"We will go to rural and urban areas where agencies provide services to people with disabilities and to under-represented populations," Vazquez said. The two-hour trainings will give an overview of cultural competency and explain the areas that should be taken into consideration when working with multicultural clients. Agencies can also request additional in-depth training on specific topics.

The one-year grant targets the areas of St. George, Moab, the Salt Lake area, the West Valley area, and Cache Valley, Vazquez said.