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**What is Shift?**

Shift is an online learning community designed to inspire transformation and standardize best practices in Technology First programming.

The online learning platform is called Shift because it invites learning while inspiring a shift in organizations toward the use of technology to increase opportunities for independence and empowerment for people receiving services.

**How Does Transformation Occur?**

**Professionalizing Tech First skills** through credentialing, certification, and accreditation programs for direct support professionals, I/DD professionals, I/DD provider organizations, and governmental entities.

**Standardizing skill development** of best practices in the application of enabling technologies as a natural support for home, employment, and community.

**Connecting through an online community of learners and experts** sharing knowledge and stories while being updated on evolving enabling technology trends within the global market.

**Inspiring transformation** within professionals, provider organizations, and state agencies to advance the person-centered Technology First movement within the I/DD community.

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**THE PROCESS**

1. Submit application
2. Agencies will be selected for participation
3. Submit learner enrollment file
4. Complete fundamental courses
5. Attend live courses with tech experts
6. Continue with specialization courses
7. Submit experiential projects & agency tech plan
8. Apply for agency accreditation

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Why You Should Participate in Shift?

I/DD service providers around the United States are enrolling in Shift to:

1. Acquire an agency wide framework for the appropriate implementation of technologies for the people you support.
2. Discover hundreds of tech options that foster independence and autonomy.
3. Learn how to do a comprehensive technology assessment and write an individualized technology plan.
4. Get access to multiple technology solutions that empower the people you support.
5. Obtain skills to write person-centered agency technology utilization policies, which create a culture that fosters innovation in service delivery methods.

Apply Today for Free Access:

All DDS service provider agencies of all types are welcome to apply. Shift and DDS will be selecting up to four agencies that can complete the entire Shift curriculum at no cost.

Start an Application

Application Deadline is 5:00pm April 23rd

Questions:

Please contact Dustin Wright at dustin@disabilitycocoon.com or admin@techfirstshift.org for more information about Shift and/or the application process.