



<b>BE ADVISED</b>	<p><b>The Advisory Committee on Integrated Competitive Employment for Individuals with Disabilities (ACICIEID)</b> was established by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) that was signed on July 22, 2014.</p> <p><b>The purpose of the committee</b> is to provide a report to the Secretary of Labor with recommendations on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ways to increase competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities</li> <li>2. Address the certificate program authorized under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act that permits the sub-minimum or commensurate wage that Community Rehabilitation Programs follow for pre-vocational training.</li> </ol>
<b>BE AWARE</b>	<p>On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the <b><u>Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities</u></b> (ACICIEID) issued their final report to Congress and the Secretary of Labor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ While there are some very good ideas in the report there are also some poorly drawn conclusions. Among them is that <b>eliminating the special minimum wage</b> will create opportunities for people with disabilities to work in the community.</li> <li>➤ The <b>elimination of the special minimum wage, which has been in place since 1938, may put up to 228,000 Americans out of work.</b></li> <li>➤ For example, after the state of Washington eliminated 14c, the State Auditor’s Office performance audit indicated the average person with a disability works less than 11 hours per week with the rest of the time being spent at home. Please read the Washington Report <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>TAKE ACTION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>VOICE why your <u>work choice</u> is <u>your choice</u>; not a “committee” to decide for you. Consider the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As family members, explain why the training programs your loved ones participate in are the right choices for them.</li> <li>➤ Explain what would happen if <b>your choice</b> to attend a training program was taken away.</li> <li>➤ Include the significant value of the 14 (c) special certificate wage that provides the opportunity for you or your loved one to build skills, confidence and experience in preparation for community integrated employment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Share your comments with the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Secretary of Labor, Thomas Perez by phone at 202.693.6000 or, <a href="mailto:talktodol@dol.gov">talktodol@dol.gov</a></li> <li>➤ Your Federal Legislators ; visit <a href="http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/">http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/</a></li> <li>➤ Your Senators; visit <a href="http://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/">http://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ol>