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What are OJT, WBLE, and PWE?

November 5, 2024, 12:00 PM – 1 PM EDT

About this presentation: Join FCIC and FL APSE as we present What are OJT (On the Job Training), WBLE (Work-Based Learning Experiences), and PWE (Paid Work Experience)? Devin O'Connor from the Grow Group, accompanied by Tony Salvaggio from eSmart Recycling and Roy Kirchner from Ultimate 3D Printing, will share how these programs are proving effective in career building skills for persons with disabilities. FL APSE is the Florida Association for Professionals that Support Employment First. Attendees may submit questions to drbarnes@usf.edu.

Advance Registration: [Register Online!](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Collaborative discussion with FCIC, Family Network on Disabilities (FND), FL APSE, FL-SAND, and FL Self-Advocate Network'd to direct educational efforts and materials for the upcoming year. Group discussion and break out sessions for stakeholders to collect data for programming direction.

Information & Accommodation: Closed Captioning is provided. If other accommodations are needed please contact event organizer, Denise R. Barnes, MA, FCIC Employment Coordinator at drbarnes@usf.edu or 813-974-1063.

SPEAKER/PRESENTER



Devin O'Connor is the founder and executive director of The Grow Group, an innovative social enterprise focused on raising the standard of service for individuals with disabilities seeking employment, based out of Tampa Bay. Through community partnerships, employer relationships, and a diverse and dynamic team, The Grow Group has successfully placed over 500 people across the state of Florida. Devin earned his Masters of Arts in Education in Human Development in Secondary Special Education and Transition Services from the George Washington University (GW) and an undergraduate degree in International Business from the University of South Florida (go bulls). Additionally, Devin completed the Work Incentives Planning (WIP-C) certification at Cornell University, the Supported Employment certification at the Virginia Commonwealth University, and International Policy Studies at Troy University. Aside from his leadership role within his organization, Devin also works directly with a small case as a job coach to remain connected to his passion for collaborating with individuals with disabilities. Some of the recent awards Devin and his organization have been awarded include national APSE's Wendy Wood Emerging Leader, the National Rehabilitation Association's Organizational Award and the Bell Greve Award, and the University of Florida's FAST 56 Award.