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# **Chapter Meeting**

August 4th, 2022, 1:00pm



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## 1. Chapter Updates

Updates on Employment First in Hawaii, and report back from the National Conference, the upcoming Regional Conference, next week's CESP exam, and membership report.

## 2. Special Guests

**Katie Taliercio** joins us to share her experience leading and developing the Colorado APSE Chapter.

**Wally Tablit** joins us from National APSE to lend his support as we start the Hawaii Chapter.

## 3. Chapter Focus and Direction

Where are we now, and where are we going?

## 4. Summit on Employment First

Planning for an Employment First event, in partnership with UH Center on Disability Studies.

## 5. Next Meetings

Membership Meetings and Committee Meeting Schedule



# News & Updates

## Employment First Bill

[HB1787 HD2 SD2 CD1](#) regarding Employment First as a policy for State and Counties, passed final reading in the House on May 5th, and signed by Governor Ige on July 12, 2022.

- This establishes “Employment First” as a policy of the State and Counties, and defines “employment first” as the competitive employment and full inclusion of persons with a disability in an integrated setting as a first and preferred option for employment services.
- Requires State and County agencies to implement this policy in hiring practices and all programs and services administered or funded by the state or counties.
- Beginning June 30, 2023, requires the Department of Human Services to apply employment first principles to Medicaid home and community-based services programs.

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## News & Updates



Patrick Gartside - Hawaii APSE, Valerie Yin - CAMHD, Alison Lee - DVR, Cheryl Matthews - DVR, Dr Kurt Humphrey - CAMHD

- National Conference (June 13-16)
  - We have tremendous support from other chapters in our region and from around the country!
  - [Report back to Chapter Presentation](#)



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- Upcoming Regional Conference
  - Pacific Northwest Employment Forum  
September 19th - 21st, 2022  
Spokane, WA
  - <https://pnwef.org/registration/>



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CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



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**Calling all:** Job Coaches, Job Developers, Transition Employment Specialists, Job Placement Specialists, Employment Specialists and Consultants, Employment Managers and Directors

## Upcoming CESP™ Certification Exam on Oahu

The Certified Employment Support Professional™ (CESP) credential recognizes employment support professionals (ESPs) who provide employment services to individuals with significant disabilities by assisting individuals to obtain and maintain competitive employment in integrated community workplaces.

Wednesday, August 10th 1:00pm

[Click for Details or to Register](#)



## News & Updates

### Membership

We currently have 16 members! Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining our coalition?

- Self-Advocates
- Family Members and Support Circles
- Educators and Transition Teams
- Support Professionals and Service Providers
- Case Managers and State Agencies
- Community Employers

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### **Katie Taliercio**

Home and Community Based Services Employment Contract Specialist  
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing - HCPF

Katie Taliercio has been instrumental in the strategic growth of the Colorado APSE chapter, seeing it grow from 4-6 people, to over 100 members, and she was a big part of increasing engagement over the years. She has served as the board president in the past and is still very active in the organization.





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### Wally Tablit

Senior Director of Policy and Workforce Development at RespectAbility  
National Trainer, Consultant, and Speaker

Wally Tablit has served on the National APSE Board as the Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer since 2017.



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## Chapter Focus and Direction

To help guide the Hawaii APSE Chapter's direction, we've put together a quick poll to collect information on potential focus areas and topics, and to gauge interest in serving on committees.

### Focus Areas and Topics

- Advocacy
- Collaboration between stakeholders
- Communities of Practice
- Community Navigation
- Family Engagement
- Industry News and Updates
- Other Resources
- Policy & Legislation
- Professional Development
- Regional and National Networking
- Technical assistance with Employment First
- Training and Events
- Transition
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# Chapter Committees

This is where the work gets done!

## Chapter Committee Suggestions

- Communications
- Policy
- Advocacy
- Training and Events
- Benefits Navigation
- Member Engagement
- Finance
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[Please fill out this poll!](https://forms.gle/CEGBHWzkPwxJSgMk7)

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# Summit on Employment First

We have begin planning a **Summit on Employment First** to be tied in with the 38th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity, March 6th and 7th, 2023.

Center on Disability Studies has released the theme, "Coming Together and Moving Forward," Ho'okahi ka 'ilau like 'ana (Wield the paddles together)

[Click for more info on PacRim2023](#) in CDS's June 2022 eNewsletter

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### Quarterly Membership Meetings

Thursday, November 3rd, 1pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, February 2nd, 1pm - 2:30pm

### Proposed Monthly Committee Meetings

Thursday, September 4th, 1pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, October 6th, 1pm - 2:30pm

### Proposed Summit on Employment First

Wednesday, March 8th