Demographics



Valid Responses

242

Direct Employment Service Professionals

Understanding the Workforce Supporting Competitive Integrated Employment

Years of Experience

86%

have 1-3 years of employment experience



Education Level

48%

hold a Bachelor's Degree **Gender Identity**

79%

identify as female

Age Range

25-34

year olds were nearly half of the respondents

Race & Ethnicity

80%

White/Caucasion w/

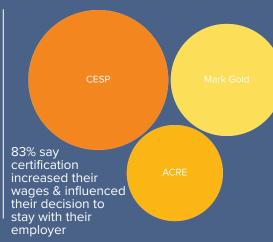
19% Hispanic or Latine

Geographic Distribution

84%

outside of Phoenix & Tucson Metro areas

Certifications



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Key Findings



What Arizona DESPs Told Us: Insights & Priorities for Employment Services

40%

On average, 40% of caseloads resulted in CIE placements in the past year

Training Needs Identified



Confidence Gaps

19% feel confident navigating VR & **DDD** systems





41% feel strongly confident in **Employment First** principles

one-third feel strongly confident in **Customized Employment strategies**

Barriers to Certification

Lack of Time -59%

Cost - 54%

Minimal representation from tribal DESPs highlights potential gaps in access to employment service providers and training opportunities within tribal communities.

Service Delivery Models

