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DSPS Solutions/Interwork Institute has finished its fifth year (2019-2020) of services to administer the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) DSPS Technical Assistance Grant, and oh, how things keep changing as we try to meet the needs of students with disabilities in the community colleges.

DSPS Solutions worked to assure that DSPS practitioners throughout the state recognized DSPS Solutions as the technical assistance arm of the CCCCCO DSPS Program. DSPS Solutions continues to be active with "inreach" efforts at CAPED conference events, CCCCCO trainings, and website branding and outreach. Your contacts by phone and by email are also important when working on best practices throughout the system.

DSPS Solutions provided effective and responsive technical assistance, training, and support to DSPS staff in the California Community College System and the Chancellor's Office to strengthen the support for students with disabilities. Our newest addition this year, were the Zoom Regional Meetings held with all 7 (A-G) regions. The change in region collaboratives was the impetus for this change which modeled ways for the new regions to gather.

DSPS Solutions worked closely with the CCCCCO to plan, coordinate, and deliver the major CCCCCO DSPS training events including; New Directors Training and the Paul Grossman webinar. New Directors Training included a fully accessible integrated PowerPoint Presentation, an accessible web section within the DSPS Solutions website that contained all training materials, including the PowerPoint presentation (indexed for the day), and a Coordinators/Directors Training Assets section, with resources supporting distinct areas of program management. The Training Assets section has been updated online as things change. It also included PowerPoint presentations for the CCCCCO personnel from other departments, who presented at the training session. A similar support was provided for Paul Grossman's webinar, with the information posted on the DSPS Solutions website.

DSPS Solutions is pleased with the support from the various community colleges that inform the CCCCCO how much they appreciate the rapid response from the consultants when working out the details of how best to serve the needs of students with disabilities in higher education. We look forward to continuing our support this 2020-2021 while colleges work with new initiatives and the issues related to success for students during this pandemic and beyond.

We have enjoyed the collaborations with CAPED and its members and look to continue our work to meet new needs as they are identified. Please check out the website, www.dspssolutions.org, for current information on issues that relate to services and programs in our California Community Colleges.

