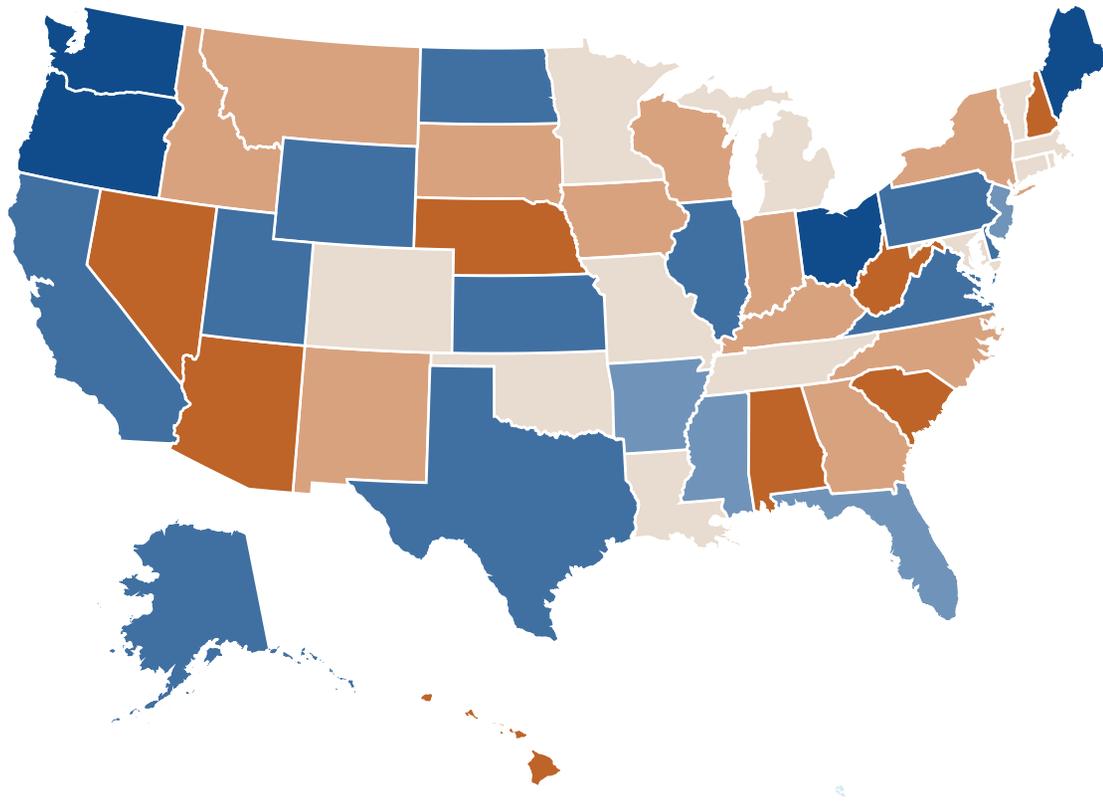


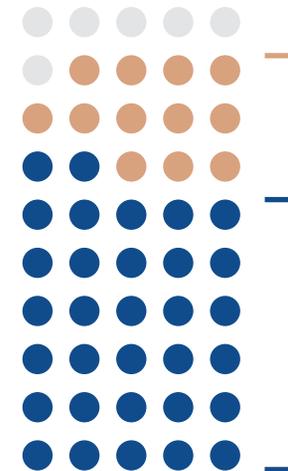
EMPLOYMENT FIRST ACROSS THE NATION

Defining *Employment First* Employment in the general workforce is the first and preferred outcome in the provision of publicly funded services for all working age citizens with disabilities, regardless of level of disability. A number of Employment First policy strategies have been implemented throughout the country in response to the critically low labor force participation and employment rates for people with disabilities.



TYPE OF ACTION

- No Known Activity
- Directive
- Legislation
- Activity, No Policy
- Executive Order
- Legislation + Directive or Executive Order



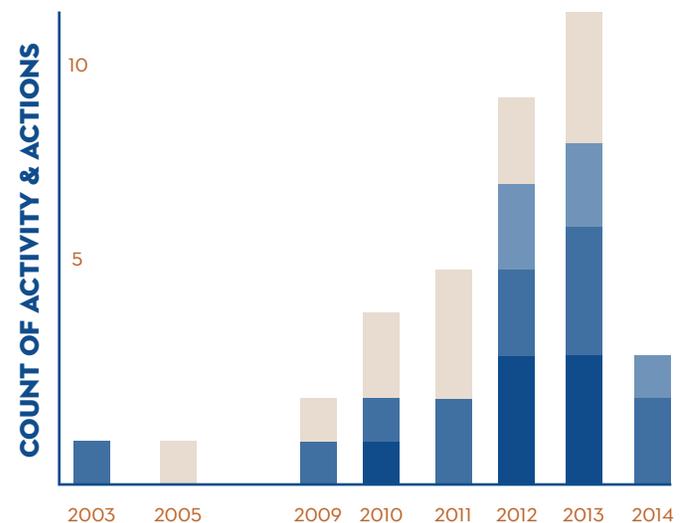
44 STATES

have known Employment First activity over the past decade.

32 STATES

have formal policy action in the form of a Policy Directive, Executive Order or Legislation.

FORMAL POLICY ACTIONS OVER TIME



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