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# Partnerships that Benefit State Systems

## Summary

Much of ICI's state systems work focuses on ways state-level agencies promote inclusion and participation in the general workforce for people with disabilities. Topics include trends data, policy analysis, case studies, and how-to materials for agencies undergoing change. ICI works to:

- 1.) Describe the nature of day and employment
- 2.) Assist states with systems change, and
- 3.) Provide timely resources and connections.

**More people are experiencing employment in the general workforce at prevailing wage every day.**

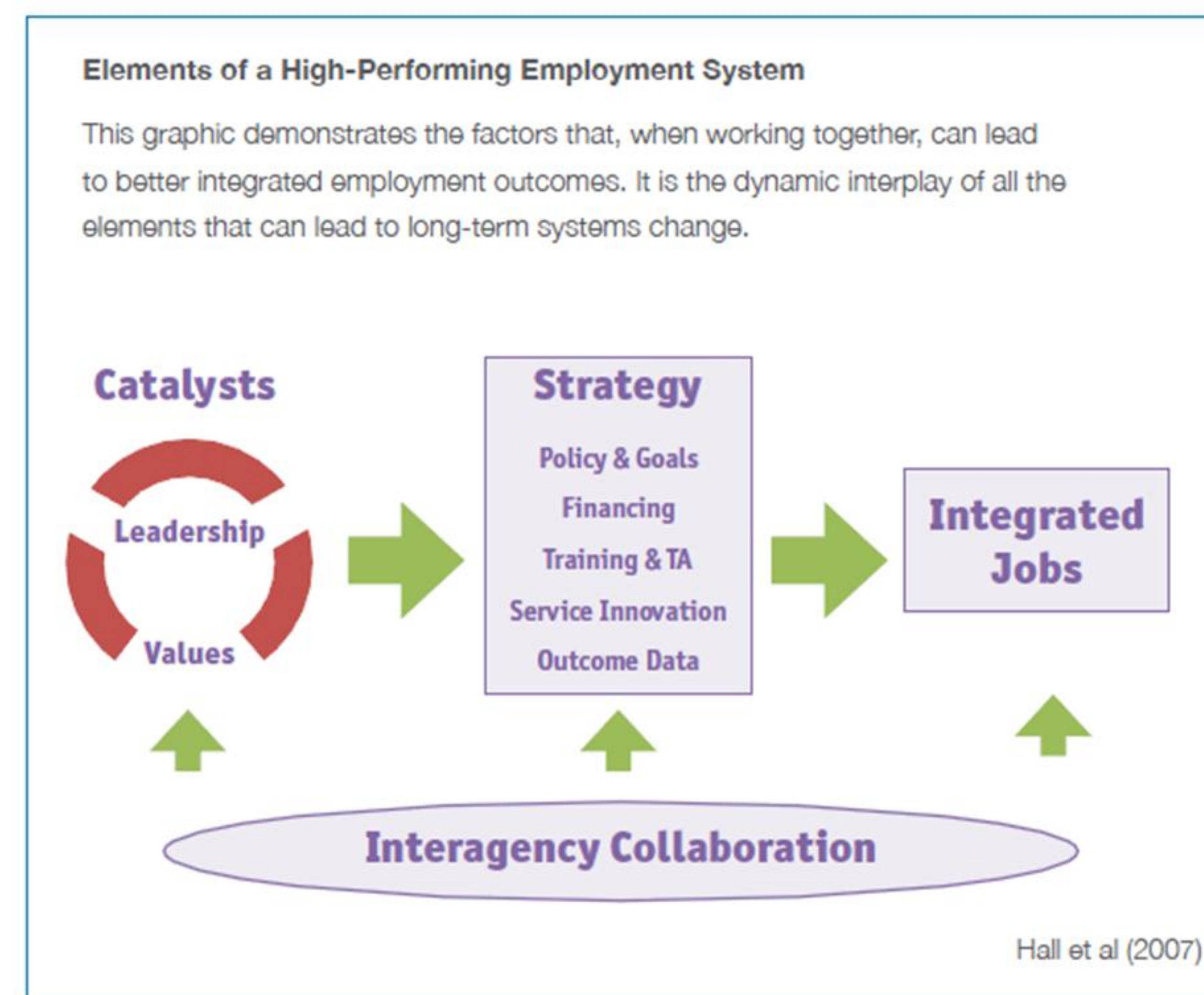
## Goals

Our work assists states with building a comprehensive understanding of the factors that influence employment outcomes at all levels: individual and family, service provider, and state policy.

The Framework for Employment (pictured at right), developed through extensive experience and research conducted within states, is used to guide the much of the systems improvement strategy work.

**The elements represent practices and outcomes known to be effective at enabling states to develop and sustain high-performing integrated employment systems.**

## Dynamics in State Systems

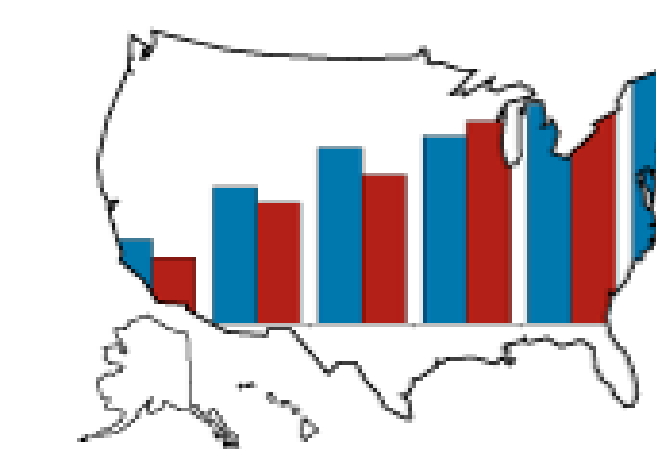


## Our Work

**We capitalize on the tremendous insights and experiences in the field through:**

- Routine conference calls and online meetings with states
- Annual national data collection
- Collecting stories from agencies and individuals
- Websites and active e-news for timely resource sharing
- Site visits to facilitate goal-driven discussions

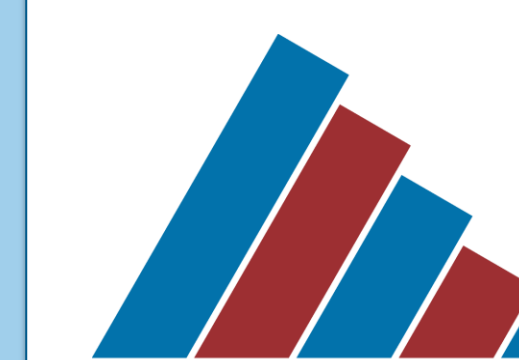
## Projects



**StateData.info**  
A project of the Institute for Community Inclusion at UMass Boston



**Real People, Real Jobs**  
Stories from the front line



State Employment Leadership Network

## References and Resources

Websites:

- [www.communityinclusion.org](http://www.communityinclusion.org)
- [www.statedata.info](http://www.statedata.info)
- <http://realworkstories.org/>
- [www.seln.org](http://www.seln.org)

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