What Is the SOC: A Guide for Intake and DSP Service Planning

Summary:
Explains how the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system defines occupations by duties, not job titles, ensuring fair and accurate classification for roles supporting individuals with IDD.

Key Points:
– **Purpose:** Guide intake specialists, DSPs, and planners in using SOC codes for correct job classification, Medicaid alignment, and improved workforce data.
– **Audience:** Intake specialists, DSPs, service planners, VR professionals, and agency administrators.
– **Topics:**
  • SOC structure covering 867 detailed occupations.
  • "DSP" as an umbrella term linked to multiple SOC codes (e.g., 21-1015, 31-1121).
  • Benefits for standardizing records, aligning Medicaid codes, and improving role recognition.
– **Impact:** Enhances equity, funding transparency, and cross-agency communication.

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