

# Developmental Disabilities Administration **Transforming Lives**

## Employment Programs

Employment is the typical way most adults experience a valued life. A good job provides opportunities to gain competence, status, power and choice, improve health and safety, interact with others, and experience active daily life in the community. The focus is to get people real jobs with good wages.

Employment supports includes Individual Employment and Group Supported Employment with the main difference being the number of people served at one time in a particular setting. Supports are tailored to individual needs, interests, abilities, and promote career development. Additional services that support employment include individual technical assistance and community information and education.



## Eligibility Requirements

DDA clients:

- Age 21+ years

## Quality Assurance Oversight

### External

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facility
- State Auditor's Office

### Internal

- DDA monitoring and evaluation process of counties and client service
- County monitoring of subcontracted providers and client service

## Stakeholders

- Individuals receiving services and their families
- Counties
- Qualified service providers
- Advocacy organizations
- Department of Children, Youth & Families
- DSHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- School districts
- State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Employers

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DDA supports [employment programs](#) through contractual partnerships with Washington state's 39 counties. Counties collaborate with multiple local agencies to provide services to approximately 8,000 individual receiving employment supports.