



EMPLOYMENT:

PUBLICATION: SUCCESS STORIES

LOCATION: Statewide

| FUNDING: \$20,000

Council Objective: Engage in and support communication strategies that increase the awareness of, and understanding and support for community employment by employers, providers, people with developmental disabilities, and their families.

Goals of Initiative: The publication, which will highlight successful employment outcomes and how they were achieved, will support state and federal laws and other initiatives that are shifting toward requiring increased opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to work in their communities and to have meaningful days in the community when not working.

OVERVIEW

The publication will highlight success stories from different perspectives to address concerns of various audiences (people with disabilities, families, direct support professionals, and employers). By addressing known concerns such as safety, dignity of risk, and opportunities in rural areas, the publication will allay fears and negative perceptions and improve employment and other meaningful opportunities for people with disabilities throughout the state.

STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Create a publication with stories from various perspectives that can be printed separately and disseminated to appropriate audiences including families, providers, and employers.

OUTCOMES

- Community service provider staff will have increased knowledge, leading them to support people with developmental disabilities, including those with the most significant support needs, to work and have meaningful days in the community.
- An increase in the number of individuals with developmental disabilities and family members who better understand how people are supported to work and meaningfully participate in their communities when not working.
- An increase in the number of employers who understand how people with developmental disabilities can work, resulting in greater employment for people with developmental disabilities.