

“Employment is the economic engine of our nation, our communities and our families.”

-DisabilityInfo.gov



The Outcomes of Supported Employment

- \$38 million in taxable wages earned in the next biennium
- WA State leads the country in **Supported Employment Outcomes** while being consistently ranked in the bottom 1/3 in funding nationally
- Decrease in costs to Medicaid and public funding
- Savings in cash benefits of \$1 for every \$2 earned by those on Supplemental Security Income
- For every \$1.00 invested \$1.17 returned in wages
- Decrease in mental health crises, medical needs, emergency services, and reliance on public benefit programs
- Increase in independent supported living in the community, and less isolation and loneliness
- Parents and family members able to work, avoiding family/home crises
- Poverty issues addressed
- The freedom to be part of the community and realize the American dream...Independence!

Without supports & without a job Transition students will:

- Lose the investment made in special education
- Increase the costs to Medicaid and public funding for medical, behavioral, and mental health crises, emergency services, Food Stamps, Social Security, housing assistance, and other assistance
- Experience a decrease in daily activity, skills, and relationships
- Not be able to afford their own homes and apartments
- Cause their families to go into crisis to provide in-home supervision and their parents and family members will be forced to quit their jobs
- Graduate to a life of poverty and dependence



What needs to happen now?

DD is generating \$9 Million dollars by moving state only DD adult employment to a Medicaid Waiver.

Please utilize \$6.1 Million state only for 1250 graduates to be placed on the Basic waiver so that they can utilize their education and contribute to the economic engine!

Invest in The Next Generation of Workers!

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