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Indiana Employment Resources

Earning a paycheck is like a rite of passage. It brings a sense of self-worth, accomplishment, and independence. Having a disability should not deter you from the goal of earning your own paycheck.

Employment can take many forms: jobs in the community, self-employment, internships, and volunteer-to-work trial periods with the end goal being paid employment. Indiana has a number of programs to help youth and adults with disabilities find, train for and keep jobs.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) provides quality, individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment. The individual will work closely with a VR Counselor throughout the process. Through active participation in their rehabilitation, people with disabilities achieve a greater level of independence in their work place and living environments. Find out more about VR at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2636.htm>.

Feeling uncertain about entering the workforce? Not sure which job is right for you? VR now provides a service called Guided Discovery that can assist you with exploring employment options.

MED Works: Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities

Many people with disabilities feel that they may be able to begin work or return to work, but are fearful of losing their Medicaid benefits. MED Works is an Indiana program designed to allow employees with disabilities to work without fear of losing their Medicaid. MED Works offers the same coverage levels as regular Medicaid. There may be small monthly premiums based on the amount of money a worker earns. More information is at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/2548.htm>.

Ticket to Work

Ticket to Work is a free and voluntary program that can help Social Security beneficiaries go to work, get a good job that may lead to a career, and become financially independent, all while they keep their Medicare or Medicaid. Individuals who receive Social Security benefits because of a disability and are age 18 through 64 probably already qualify for the program.

Benefits Information & Work Incentive Fact Sheets

The fact sheets listed on the Indiana Institute for Disability and Community (IIDC) website contain information about state and federal work incentive programs for people with disabilities who are working, training for a career, or beginning a job search. <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/pages/2015-fact-sheets-on-work-incentives>.

For more information and support on work incentives, contact: Indiana Works Work Incentives Planning and Assistance in Northern and Central Indiana: 1-855-641-8382 (toll free), and in Southern Indiana: 1-800-206-6610 (toll free).



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Other resources

The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities lists a number of links to additional employment information and resources on their website. Go to <http://in.gov/gpcpd/2331.htm#10> and look at the resources under Employment/Income.

Erskine-Green Training Institute

A one-of-a-kind postsecondary program located in Muncie at the Horizon Convention Center, the Erskine-Green Training Institute provides vocational training for a variety of jobs in the hotel, food service, and healthcare environments. www.erskingreeninstitute.org

The Arc of Indiana website offers videos highlighting seven individuals with disabilities who each pursued their dream of employment in their own ways—volunteering, internships, paid employment, and owning their own business. To view the videos, visit <http://arcind.org/supports-services/employment/>.

Drive of Your Life is a fun, free, interactive tool to assist youth and young adults in exploring career possibilities in Indiana. www.driveofyourlife.org

JobDoozy job-hunting site

If you're a job hunter with a disability in Indiana, JobDoozy has job listings from a variety of companies actively recruiting a diverse workforce in Indiana and telecommuting workers nationwide. Visit JobDoozy at <http://jobdoozy.org/>.

Programs and systems change often. It is important to ensure that you are using the most current information. This Fact Sheet was updated June 2016. Please check http://fvindiana.org/fact_sheets for the most recent edition.

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