HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD)



Work empowers!

Why get a job?

There are many benefits to having a job and working. These benefits include but are not limited to:

- Money to spend or save
- Growth and skill development
- Increased self-determination
- Healthcare benefits
- Enhanced community engagement

Employment First

Access to work is a civil right. This means *everyone* has the right to work. No matter what challenges you face, you can work if you are given the chance and the right support. You make your own decisions.

How can waiver supports help me?

For people on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, and State General Funded programs, there are specialized services to help you at a job. Employment support staff are trained to help you perform well at work. Ask about employment at your next planning meeting.

Visit the DDSD Community Inclusion webpage to learn more and connect or reach out to Alix Dean (505) 819-7346

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If I get a job, can I keep my waiver supports?

Yes! Home and Community-Based Services waiver funding can continue to support you when you have earned income. It is best to receive individualized benefits advisement. Resources to help you plan for and make good financial decisions are available through the Social Security Administration and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The mission of DDSD is to serve those with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing a comprehensive system of person-centered community supports so that individuals live the lives they prefer, where they are respected, empowered, and free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.