

**Program Description:**

**Developmental Disabilities Administration**

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) supports employment and day services, including child development services, through contracts and partnerships with county governments and local districts. The counties contract with service providers or directly provide many of the support services that strengthen the availability and integrity of these programs.

- **Employment Services**

Ongoing support services and training for eligible clients with paid jobs, including individual or group options, in the community.

- **Individual Supported Employment**

Placement and follow-up services necessary to assist clients to obtain and maintain jobs in an integrated environment. The goal is to support clients to achieve a living wage and their desired number of work hours. This may include job development, support to the employee's supervisors and/or peer workers, on-the-job training, modification of work site or tasks, employment retention and follow along support, and development of career and promotional opportunities.

- **Group Supported Employment**

These services are a part of a pathway to individual employment. These are supervised employment and training activities in regular business and industry settings for groups of no more than eight workers with disabilities. Examples include enclaves, mobile crews and other business-based programs employing small groups of workers with disabilities in integrated employment.

- **Community Inclusion**

Community Inclusion provides opportunities to learn, practice and apply skills that promote greater independence and inclusion in the community. These services are individualized and provided in typical community settings. The ideal outcome is skill development and natural relationships with other community members.

- **Child Development Services**

Emphasize early intervention services designed to meet the needs of a specific child. They include therapy, education, family counseling, and training, and are provided to children until age three when they become eligible for services through public schools or other community programs.

- **Technical Assistance**

Provides assessment and consultation to the service provider, client and their support system to identify and address existing barriers to employment to help find and maintain jobs for individuals.

**Highlights in 2020** – Responded to the needs of clients in essential positions during COVID-19 by providing in-person or remote supports, successfully launched a value-based payment project, “Job Foundation Project”, that engages students in employment supports earlier to increase employment outcomes when they transition to adult services, increased training opportunities for providers, , and continue to rank #1 nationally in integrated and competitive employment.

**Quality Assurance Oversight** – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, Office of the State Auditor, DDA and County Contract Monitoring

**Stakeholders** – Clients and families, Counties, Service providers, Advocacy organizations, State Department Children, Youth and Families, DSHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, School districts, State Office of the Superintendent of

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