



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT For Clients

If you are receiving services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) through the iBudget Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid waiver and need help finding a job, this flyer is for you!

APD is changing some of the **Life Skills Development** services to create more pathways to employment and provide increased access to the community for all APD clients who want to work.

Why are these changes happening now?

These changes are mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services.

What is changing and how will the changes affect me?

- **Life Skills Development Level 4 – Prevocational (new service)** – This service will provide prevocational training such as learning to communicate with supervisors and co-workers, following directions, and problem solving. This training will help you gain the skills to find a job in an integrated community setting.
- **Life Skills Development Level 3 – Adult Day Training** – This service is for adults who want to learn life skills in the community.
 - **Service Change** – Adult Day Training services under the iBudget waiver will no longer offer job development and employment. These services are available through other waiver services.
- **Life Skills Development Level 2 – Supported Employment** – If you already work in an integrated community setting and earn minimum wage or more, you may be able to receive help from Supported Employment services to keep your job. Sometimes Supported Employment services can help you find a job if you were unable to receive this service through Vocational Rehabilitation (VR).
- **Life Skills Development Level 1 – Companion** – If you are age 21 or older you can receive companion services to help you access activities in the community that relate to goals in your Person-Centered Support Plan.

Who can help me chose the right service?

Talk to your Waiver Support Coordinator (WSC) or Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Consultant about your employment goal.

Which services should I choose?

Your WSC or CDC+ Consultant will help you choose one or more services based on your personal interests, preferences, and needs. You may choose to attend Prevocational Service some days and Adult Day Training on other days. Your WSC or CDC+ Consultant may refer you to VR if you are ready for a wider variety of vocational services, or you may wish to receive Supported Employment services if you are already working in an integrated community setting at or above minimum wage.

For more information, please visit the APD website at:
<https://apd.myflorida.com/providers/supported-employment/>