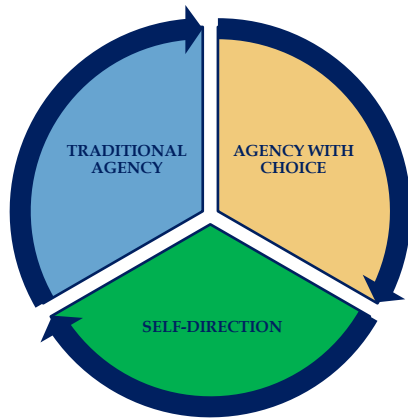


Service Delivery



Traditional Agency

The agency assumes full responsibility for the hiring, supervision, and management of employees who provide your waiver services.

Agency with Choice

You share the responsibility with an agency for hiring and management of the employees who provide your waiver services.

Self-Direction

You have a primary role in designing, selecting, directing, and evaluating your supports to live the life you want.

It's important to think carefully about hiring options. Each option provides you with a different amount of control, authority, and self-determination.



Additional Information

Transportation

Service offered to enable you to get to your place of employment or their community-based day supports. This may include agency provided transportation, pre-purchased bus tickets / paratransit bus passes, or private transportation. Payment per mile is made for a maximum of one round trip daily. Wheelchair accessible transportation is paid at a higher rate only if the you require the use of a wheelchair accessible vehicle.



Portability

The portability process may be used when you are not satisfied with the services you receive from your current public or private provider, or when you need to change who provides your services for some reason.

DDS Qualified Providers

Qualified providers are essential to accomplish our goal of delivering quality services.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS THE DDS QUALIFIED PROVIDER LIST

You can use a combination of the approaches in this brochure to meet your individual needs! You can also combine different waiver services to develop supports that are right for you.



EMPLOYMENT & DAY SERVICES

You can use your DDS allocated day service funds to purchase supports that will best help accomplish the goals identified in your Individual Plan. Learn about the following day services and more:

- ❖ EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- ❖ PRE-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- ❖ DAY SERVICES
- ❖ SERVICE DELIVERY
- ❖ TRANSPORTATION
- ❖ PORTABILITY
- ❖ DDS QUALIFIED PROVIDERS

IMPORTANT: DDS services are voluntary. Unlike the school years that are mandated by law, services and supports available through DDS are neither mandated nor entitlements, therefore, subject to appropriations from the state legislature every year.

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Employment Services

Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)

Employment at minimum wage or higher, in a fully integrated setting. *Job coaching support if needed based upon Level of Need (LON) score allocation.*

Individualized Supported Employment (ISE)



Employment specialist (job coach) helps you find competitive employment through a job discovery process, provides training and support, and then gradually reduces time and assistance at the worksite.

Customized Employment (CE)

Alternative method of finding competitive integrated employment, highly structured, focusing on your strengths, skills, and abilities and the unmet needs of employers.

Group Supported Employment (GSE)

Supported employment in a competitive employment environment in which you and a group of participants are working at a particular work setting under the supervision of a permanent employment specialist.

These services can lead to Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and can include Career Planning - an active ongoing process that includes a variety of activities to help you match your abilities, interests, values, and personality with demands of the real world of work.

Pre-Employment Services

Employment Transition Services (ETS)*

Community-based, occupational service that is time limited up to 3 years (with some exceptions). Activities should occur in integrated settings and may include unpaid career exploration, financial management, networking, building skills leading to employment and health and fitness activities that lead to better employment outcomes.

**(Currently Transitional Employment Services, name change pending)*

Project Search

Nine-month internship training program, available to school transition age students and young adults eligible for DDS services, who need more intensive employment skills training.

The program takes place in various community settings where total immersion in the workplace facilitates the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills. The primary goal of Project Search is to secure meaningful competitive employment.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROJECT SEARCH.](#)



Day Services



Group Day Supports (DSO)

If you choose not to work, you can participate in facility-based group day services. Program activities can occur in both community and facility-based settings.

Individualized Day Supports (IDS) Vocational (IDV)

An individualized day service that enables you to overcome barriers to accessing, maintaining, or returning to employment. This service is provided within the community or with a community partner and is not provided at a facility or home. *Service provides hours based upon LON score allocation*

Individualized Day Supports (IDS) Non-Vocational (IDN)

An individualized day service centered around community participation and/or meaningful retirement activities. This service is provided within the community or with a community partner and is not provided at a facility or home. *Service provides hours based upon LON score allocation*

Senior Supports

Pre-retirement service designed to prevent isolation, assist in maintaining skills, and stimulate social interaction with others.