

Group Supported Employment

Group Supported Employment (GSE) helps you to work with peers in the community while being supported by an onsite job coach. Working in a GSE can help to prepare you for a competitive job. GSE also helps you identify your strengths and preferences, so you find the best fit for you.



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GSE Benefits

- You will receive support from an onsite job coach in a group setting.
- You will complete career assessments that will help you plan for your future.
- You will have work options in community businesses.
- Staff help you find job opportunities that will work for you.
- There are opportunities for you to learn from your co-workers.
- You can learn how the money you earn may impact your benefits.



What are the potential challenges?

- In some cases, you may not earn a minimum wage. Your wage may be determined by your level of work, the type of job, and the provider you choose.

How is GSE typically staffed?

- Ongoing onsite support from a Job Coach/Employment Specialist.

How can I learn more?

- Talk to your Case Manager or call the DDS Help Line
- Visit the STEP website: [ct.gov/STEP](https://portal.ct.gov/STEP) ▶
- Visit DDS website to learn more about GSE: portal.ct.gov/DDS-EDS ▶
- Fourth Tuesday Forum on Group Supported Employment: portal.ct.gov/DDS/General/Fourth-Tuesday-Forums-on-Innovative-Options/November-28-2023-Pathways-to-Competitive-Integrated-Employment ▶

