

DSD eList announcement

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To: Lead agency case managers for disability waiver participants

From: DHS Disability Services Division

Purpose: To alert lead agency staff to a forthcoming mailing about employment options to people who use waiver services

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Communication about employment options to people who use disability waiver programs

DHS soon will start to mail information about community employment as an option to people who use the following disability waiver services:

- Adult day services
- Day training and habilitation (DTH)
- Prevocational services.

People may ask you about resources and supports to help them explore, find and keep work.

Goals

We want a Minnesota where people with disabilities live, work and enjoy life in ways that are meaningful to them. We are sending the information to ensure that people who use our programs know community work can be an option for them.

First mailing

The first mailing will include:

- A [memo from DHS Disability Services Director Alexandra Bartolic about new employment options \(PDF\)](#)
- A Disability Hub MN informational flyer about employment: [Employment matters: More money. More freedom. More options \(PDF\)](#).

Future mailings

The first mailing will go out May 18, 2018. It is geared toward people between 23 and 64 years old. Shortly after, we will send a similar communication tailored to 18-22 year olds and then to 14-17 year olds.

Resources to help

Our [Employment First page](#) is a good resource for you to stay up to date on our Employment First efforts and the roll out of our new waiver employment services.

We also have created the following resources to help you, help others explore work as an option:

- [New waiver employment services flyer, DHS-7654A \(PDF\)](#): It introduces coming changes to employment waiver services
- [I know me: What does person-centered mean to me? booklet, DHS-6803 \(PDF\)](#): It introduces person-center planning concepts
- [Disability Hub MN work landing page](#): It is designed for people with disabilities and has options, rights and information about work.
- [Disability Hub MN work toolkit](#): Designed for personal or professional support staff, it has tools to help you promote work options.

Questions

Benefits

If you need to address benefits questions and concerns, connect with [Disability Hub MN](#). It has trained benefits specialists available who can answer questions through [chat](#) or by phone at 866-333-2466. Disability Hub MN also offers the following online tools:

- [Disability Hub MN for Partners: Benefits planning resources and tools](#)
- [Disability Hub MN: My Tools - Disability Benefits 101](#)
- [DB101 benefit videos \(2-5 mins\)](#)
- [Disability Hub MN for Participants: Work and benefits.](#)

Mailings

If you have questions about these mailings or resources, email dsd.employmentfirst@state.mn.us

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