

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT



What is Supported Employment at Park Center?

Our supported employment programs facilitate competitive work in a community setting for our clients. Supported employment can provide support in the areas of transportation, job training and other individually tailored services.

Supported employment is a way of helping our clients move from dependence on the system to independent competitive employment and social integration.

In short, we can help you fill your personnel needs with qualified and motivated workers.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT *What YOU need to know*

An **Employment Specialist** is a person who works for Park Center who facilitates the employment process for the clients.


Job Coaching is a service provided by the employment specialist to help the client learn and adjust to the job while on the job. This person is also there to address any needs the employer may have.

Top 10 Benefits of Supported Employment

1. Many of our clients are educated, experienced and ready to meet your workforce needs.
2. Hiring our clients can enhance workplace diversity initiatives. *Employer Assistance and Recruiting Network*
3. Hiring qualified people with disabilities is good for the economy, reducing the tax burden. *The Chicagoland Business Leadership Network Educational Toolkit*
4. Our clients have been rated similarly to their non-disabled counterparts by employers.
5. There are tax benefits for hiring and accommodating our qualified clients. The employment specialists can assist you with this process. *Employer Assistance and Recruiting Network*
6. Research suggests that consumers feel positively towards and prefer to patronize companies that employ folks with disabilities. *University of Massachusetts, Boston.*
7. There are approximately 38 million people with disabilities in the U.S. That means 1 in every 7 people is a potential employee and/or consumer. *2004 American Community Survey; U.S. Department of Justice, "Expanding your Market . . . customers with Disabilities."*
8. People with disabilities, such as our clients, have \$175 billion in discretionary income and prefer to patronize businesses that are "disability friendly". *US department of Labor.*
9. Companies can enhance their bottom line by integrating our clients into their workforce because of tax breaks and free employment supports.
10. Many of our clients became disabled later in life thus they have a wealth of knowledge and experience. They could greatly benefit an employer who is willing to look past the stigma behind disabilities. *Employer Assistance and Recruiting Network.*

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