

## Supported Employment Programs

### Overview

Supported Employment Programs help clients find and keep jobs. Jobs provide opportunities to gain competence and status, improve health and safety, interact with others and experience active daily life in the community. We aim to get people competitive jobs with good wages.

Supported Employment includes individual and small group employment options that promote career development and are tailored to individual needs, interests and abilities.

We support employment programs through partnerships with Washington State's 39 counties. Those counties work with local agencies to provide employment supports to approximately 8,000 individuals.

### Eligibility Requirements

- DDA clients who are age 21 and over.

### Budget

These expenses cross multiple budget units and we do not currently track at this level. Clients receive individualized service hours based on assessed need and work history.



### Partners

- Individuals receiving services and their families
- Counties
- Qualified service providers
- Advocacy organizations
- DSHS' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- School districts
- State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Employers

### Rates

Hourly fee for service.

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## Quality Assurance Oversight

### External

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facility
- Rehabilitation Services Accreditation System
- Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators
- Office of the Washington State Auditor

### Internal

- DDA monitoring and evaluation process of counties and client service
- County monitoring of subcontracted providers and client service



### Authority

[Chapter 388-823 WAC](#), DDA Intake and Determination of Developmental Disabilities

[Chapter 388-825 WAC](#), DDA Services Rules

[Chapter 388-828 WAC](#), DDA Assessment

[Chapter 388-845 WAC](#), Home and Community Based Services Waivers

[Chapter 388-850 WAC](#), County Plan for Developmental Disabilities