

Employment and Community First CHOICES

These are the groups that may qualify to enroll in the program and get services now.
“You” is the person who has an intellectual or developmental disability and wants services.
 (It’s not the person helping them apply).

Priority Category	Who may qualify:
A	You have a job. You need help to keep your job.
B	You’re a young adult (at least 18 years old) and about to finish school. This could be high school. Or, it could be college or other training after high school. You have a job offer. But, you can only get the job if you have help on the job.
C	You lost your job not long ago, and you want to get a new one. You need help to get a new job. You may also need help to keep your new job.
D	You’re 18-22 years old and about to finish school. You don’t have a job offer, but you want to work. You need help to get a job. You may also need help to keep your new job.
E	You don’t have a job, but you want to work. You need help to get a job. You may also need help to keep your new job.
F	You’re 14-22 years old. You’re still in school. You live at home with your family. You’re planning to work when you get out of school. But, you need help getting ready for work. You can’t get the kind of help you need from your school or Voc Rehab (Vocational Rehabilitation).
G	You’re at least 14 years old but not old enough to retire. You’re open to exploring the option of working—even part-time or working for yourself, with help from the program. You agree to receive a service called “Exploration.” It will help you decide if you want to work and the kinds of jobs you might like and be really good at by visiting job sites that match your skills and interests. It also helps you (and your family) understand the benefits of working and helps answer your questions about work.
H	<p>You’re at least 62 years old. You aren’t interested in working anymore. You need help to live in and be part of the community.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You’re at least 55 years old. Your health problems make it hard for you to work. You need help to live in and be part of the community.</p>

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We have limited space for these groups too:	Who may qualify:
Aging Caregiver (Required by state law)	You have an intellectual disability <u>and</u> your parent or other unpaid caregiver is age 75 or older.
Emergent Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person who used to care for you has died. OR, they can no longer care for you because they have a physical or mental health problem or disability. • OR, you are being abused, neglected or exploited where you live now. AND, you don't have any other place to go. • OR, you need help to move out of a nursing home into a new home in the community. This includes nursing homes for people with intellectual disabilities. (This is called an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or ICF/IID). • OR, you or others are at risk of serious harm or danger. Other things have been tried but didn't help. AND, you need these services to help keep you and others safe in the community. (It doesn't matter how old you are.)
Sustain Family Living Arrangement	You live at home with your family. You need a lot of help with medical or behavioral problems. Your family needs help caring for you so you can keep living at home. (It doesn't matter how old you are.)
Planned Transition	You're at least 21 years old. You live at home with your family. The person who supports you is in poor health, and it's getting worse. They can't keep caring for you much longer. You need help to move to a new place soon to get the support you need.
Multiple Complex Health Conditions	You're an adult. You have two or more big health problems that make it hard for you to work. You need help right away to keep living where you do now.