

INVESTING IN UNTAPPED SOLUTIONS:

FOCUSING ON NEBRASKANS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS ONE SOLUTION TO THE STATE'S LABOR SHORTAGE

What's happening right now?

- Many Nebraskan employers can't find the workers they need.
- Many Nebraskans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are not yet working; but they have services available to them to support them to work.



- These “Supported Employment” services are available to assist people with IDD to prepare for, find, get, learn and master jobs that Nebraskan employers need filled.
- Unfortunately, “Supported Employment” services are being under-utilized by people with IDD. **The good news is Nebraska can change this!**

How can the Nebraska Legislature help?

1. Propose/pass legislation to:

- Ensure every working-age Nebraskan with IDD has routine chances to learn about the opportunities and benefits of working, and to make a truly informed choice about whether to pursue work with the help of “Supported Employment” services.
- Make expanding the use of “Supported Employment” services by people with IDD a goal for state agencies who administer programs that include these services.

2. Support new, targeted appropriation of state funding to the Division of Developmental Disabilities, to:

- Support implementation of the legislation with new targeted funding of “Supported Employment” services to increase the number of Nebraskans with IDD who are working or actively pursuing work.
- Capture 178% federal match - \$2.78 for every \$1.00 Nebraska invests.

Help Nebraskan employers and Nebraskans with IDD get connected and prosper!