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Exceptional Education & Student Services
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Florida Department of Education/
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
(800) 451-4327 • www.rehabworks.org

The Transition Center
(352) 392-0107 • www.thetransitioncenter.org

Disabilities Relations Group (DRG)
(727) 523-1000 • www.drgglobal.com

Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)
(941) 658-3560 • www.rcma.org

WorkNet Pinellas
(727) 507-4300 • www.worknetpinellas.org

The ABLE TRUST
(888) 838-ABLE (2253) • www.abletrust.org

Professional Development Partnership
(727) 873-4853 • www.stpt.usf.edu

Caring and Sharing Center
for Independent Living (CASCIL)
(727) 577-0065 • www.cascil.org

Advocacy Center for Persons
with Disabilities, Inc.
(813) 233-2920 • www.advocacycenter.org

Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. (FILC)
(877) 822-1993 • www.flailc.org

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services
and Technology (FAAST)
(850) 487-3278 • www.faaast.org

VSA Arts of Florida
(813) 975-6972 • www.vsafll.org

Florida Coalition for the Education of Individuals
with Developmental Disabilities
(561) 912-1231

disAbility Solutions for Independent Living, Inc.
(386) 671-1960

Collier County Office
of Exceptional Student Services
(239) 377-0130

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TRANSITION, INDEPENDENT LIVING, EMPLOYMENT & SUPPORT

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT



A Project of
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The opportunities for individuals with significant disabilities to obtain meaningful employment are expanding as options for Supported Employment are emerging as an alternative to Adult Day Training programs (i.e. sheltered workshops).

Supported Employment is a way for people traditionally denied employment (due to the perceived severity of their disability) to get jobs, advance in their career, increase social interaction, and be provided long-term, ongoing support for as long as needed.

Supported employment provides assistance such as job coaches, transportation, assistive technology, specialized job training, and individually tailored supervision. Supported employment encourages people to work within their communities and encourages work, social interaction, and integration.

Explore Career Opportunities

Focus on the individual's interests, abilities, and needs through such experiences as vocational education classes, job shadowing, job try-outs, and actual employment.

Create Opportunities to Develop Self-Determination Skills

Actively participate in information gathering, experiential learning, and decision-making.

Gain Control of the Resources

Learn how to purchase services and supports. Family members, personal advisors, and other trusted advocates can assist, as needed.

Secure Employment Based on the Individual's Desires

Take into consideration the type of work environments, activities, hours, pay, supports, transportation, career advancement opportunities, other similar factors, and how they fit with an individual's desires.

Identify Any Necessary and Appropriate Supports

Utilize job accommodations, assistive technology, and individualized supports before, within and outside the job. Get connected to Adult Services.



Additional Resources

(Referenced resources are available in alternate formats upon request)

Supported Employment in Florida

A useful website with good information about helping Florida citizens with severe disabilities to be employed while helping businesses find valued employees.
<http://www.flse.net/>

Overview of Supported Employment

Office of Disability Employment Policy
U.S. Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC, 20210
Phone: 866-633-7365 • **TTY:** 877-889-5627
<http://www.dol.gov/odep/archives/fact/supported.htm>

APSE... "Formerly the Association for Persons in Supported Employment"

APSE Supported Employment Indicators
Publication for download:
<http://www.apse.org/documents/QualityIndicators.pdf>
Phone: 804-278-9187
Website: www.apse.org