



Employment 1st

Take Charge of Your Life –
CHOOSE WORK

- **Everyone can work and there is a real job for everyone. A real job is one with real wages and benefits, side-by-side with co-workers without disabilities.**
- **Not working should be the exception. All individuals, schools, families and businesses must raise their expectations.**
- **People will be hired because of their ability not because they have a disability.**
- **Communities embrace people who contribute.**
- **Everyone has something to contribute and needs to contribute.**
- **Having a real job and real wages helps people have a lifestyle with value, choice and empowerment.**
- **Real jobs should be the first priority and preferred outcome for people with disabilities. We will be creative and tenacious in providing support.**
- **Employment is a win/win for everybody!**

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