

Reforms were enacted in the late 20th century to address unfair employment practices relative to disability. As a result, most disability employment programming today focuses on: 1) part-time employee positions, 2) large employers with multiple locations, and 3) paid supports on the job. There are other pathways that make sense for families willing to explore!

< Why It's Important

Some Options:

Inclusive Volunteering



Serving at a non-for-profit can replace some or all of a paid work goal and provide **more flexibility as well as gradual skill building!**

Contract/"Gig" Work



In the past 10 years, workers of all types have enjoyed being able to *customize* work to fit one's life (rather than the other way around) as 1099 workers.

Entrepreneurship



For many, work conditions are best controlled by working for one's self, a business partner, or a family member. There are *multiple ways to maintain federal benefits* while engaged in entrepreneurial pursuits.

Think About---

- How will work (not) enhance the quality of life goals of the worker and the caregivers?
- Is having federal benefits the main goal? Or, are there other ways to address one's needs?
- What work setting is going to be least frustrating for all stakeholders?
- What makes the person with the disability "flourish?"
- Where do we need help?

